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Hussein, Assad hold talks on union

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Jordan's King Hussein and Syria's resident Hafez Assad last night onducted marathon talks in Damascus at a summit conference med at consolidating the projected nion between their countries. The wo Arab leaders were due to reme their talks today.

Neither Jordan nor Syria would ve details of the talks yesterday. n an interview shown on Amman V last night, Assad would say only at, "Everyone knows by now what e two countries are heading for."

Hussein arrived in Damascus yesrday morning at the head of a p-level delegation including Crown rince Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid ifai, Commander-in-Chief Lt. Gen. aid Ben Shaker and other highanking political and military offials.

Despite the emphasis on the union ans, Hussein's trip to Damascus as also linked to the expiry of the andate of the UN peace-keeping rces on the Golan at the end of is month.

A Cairo press report claimed yesrday that Syria has already decid to extend the mandate by six months. But Syria's Minister of Information, Ahmed Iskandar Ahmed, last night cautioned that his government was unlikely to extend it unless "certain conditions" were met. He added that Syria wanted Israel as well as the U.S. to acknowledge the Arab demand for a total Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 frontiers and the recognition of Palestinian national rights.

Earlier reports from Damascus said that the Syrians might nevertheless renew the UN mandate to give themselves time to settle the civil war in neighbouring Lebanon and aid Jordan in boosting her military potential, especially in air defence. One report from Damascus last night said that Assad and Hussein discussed the future of Jordan's air defence system following Amman's failure to clinch a deal with Washington on the purchase of 14 Hawk missile batteries.

The Jordanians, who are now said to be considering turning to Moscow for missiles, are due to host a high-level Russian military delegation later this month. Led by the Soviet Deputy Defence Minister and Air Force Chief, the Soviet team was invited by the Jordanian air force commander.

700 die in Italy's quake

GEMONA, Italy. — Seven hundred people are now known to have died in Italy's worst earthquake in half a century which struck Thursday night, but many more bodies are still being brought out from under the rubble.

Ambulancemen said 10 survivors were found yesterday morning in the Gemona area, including a young mother and her two-year-old son, who had been buried in the rubble for more than 30 hours.

Rescuers were toiling ceaselessly amid ruins in 19 villages, knowing that their chances of finding anyone alive in the wreckage become slimmer by the hour.

There was also a risk of epidemic from the scores of dead animals trapped in the wreckage of pens and stables. Plans were being made to incinerate their carcases with flame-throwers or dispose of them in quicklime.

Tens of thousands of people spent last night in the open air, the more lucky ones in tents improvised from plastic sheeting, or in cars.

Authorities estimated that 98 per cent of the houses in the worst-struck zones are uninhabitable and even where homes have been spared people were still frightened to return to them.

Some semblance of normal life was returning yesterday, with shopkeepers starting to clear wreckage from their premises.

Teams of volunteers and servicemen fanned out through the old town of Gemona where the narrowness of the rubble-filled streets and perilous condition of the buildings made rescue work dangerous and difficult.

Ambulances were arriving with bodies at Gemona cemetery every 15 minutes or so.

A Canadian military convoy rolled in from West Germany Friday night carrying medical teams and medicines. Another convoy arrived from Austria.

The Italian Interior Ministry said it was sending more than 25,000 beds, 1,690 large tents and clothes for 3,000 homeless in the disaster area.

Israel's Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and his ministry over the weekend expressed Israel's shock at the earthquake to their Italian opposite numbers, and asked what aid Israel could provide.

The Seismological Institute at Trieste reported a series of minor earth tremors across northern Italy Friday night, bringing the number of shocks since the major quake on Thursday night to 37.

Most of the tremors registered between 3 and 3.5 on the richter scale, compared with 6.5 for the big quake, which was felt as far away as Yugoslavia and the Netherlands.

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Woman and her dog amidst ruins in Buia, one of the villages destroyed in the North Italy earthquake. (AP radiophoto)

T.A. rally urges end to squatting at Kaddum

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — About 15,000 persons attended the Mapam-sponsored rally in Kikar Malchei Yisrael yesterday evening to urge the Government to evacuate the Gush Emunim settlers from the Kaddum military camp in Samaria.

The speakers included Mapam Secretary-General Mefr Talmi, Knesset Members Shulamit Aloni and Lyova Eliav, Professor Yehoshua Arieli, and Dr. Meir Avizohar. Abba Eban, who was scheduled to speak, did not arrive in time from abroad.

The Gush Emunim members had no monopoly on patriotism, speakers stressed. They had broken the law and endangered peace.

The meeting was followed by a procession which was led by Mapam ministers and Knesset Members including Marcia Freedman. Half of the participants were kibbutz and Hashomeir Hazair members, who arrived in 50 buses from all over the country.

The rally ended with the singing of Hatikva. One group also sang the Internationale as it started to march from the municipality to Dizengoff Square, past the Mann Auditorium, into King George Street, and back to Kikar Malchei Yisrael.

Settlers say they 'won't budge' beyond Samaria

Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV. — Menahem Felix, secretary of the Elon More settlers in Kaddum, said yesterday his colleagues would consider transfer to "any place in the heart of Samaria the Government want" if the military camp where they are now is deemed unsuitable. "But we shall not budge if we are told to go beyond Samaria."

Speaking to the press yesterday, Felix refused to elaborate on their future action. But some members of the rally in Ein-Vered, where two weeks ago representatives of Labour-affiliated movements declared Samaria and Judea must be settled, told the press: "We shall be in Kaddum if the authorities decide to evacuate Gush Emunim."

The press conference was called late yesterday "so as to stress that the silent majority of the Labour settlers was opposed to the rally held by Mapam a few hours ago."

"If Kaddum is moved, the Galilee will take the lead and there will be trouble," Uri Bar-On, spokesman for Ein-Vered group, said. He added that it was "hypocrisy" on the part of Yad Mordechai settlers to march in Tel Aviv, because they cultivate land whose owners live in Gaza camps, while "no Arab land was taken for Kaddum."

Yisrael Ben-Ami, who came here as a Mahal volunteer in 1948, said he was impressed on his recent tour of Rhodesia and Malawi that Jews there were unwilling to immigrate to Israel "because of the deep hatred Hashomer Hatzair professes for Gush Emunim." People do not want to join a state which, they feel, is tearing down its own flag. "Immigration will soar only if this country is proud and confident in its future."

Gush Emunim reportedly set up "operational headquarters" to organize resistance to attempts to evict the Kaddum settlers if such an attempt will be made, it was learnt yesterday. No details were available.

Zevulun Hammer, the Minister of Social Welfare, on Friday called separately on Premier Rabin, Defence Minister Peres and Minister without Portfolio Galili, to impress on them the importance of Jewish settlement in Samaria, and the inadvisability of using force against the Kaddum settlers.

F-15s for Israel: $233m. contract

WASHINGTON. — McDonnel Douglas Corporation has received a $233m. contract to make F-15 fighter planes to be sold to Israel, "The Wall Street Journal" reported. The contract was placed by the U.S. Air Force which is acting as agent in the transaction.

The number of planes being purchased has been withheld, at Israel's request. The U.S. Air Force plans to buy 108 of the F-15 planes for use in the current fiscal year and 108 in the next year. (JTA)

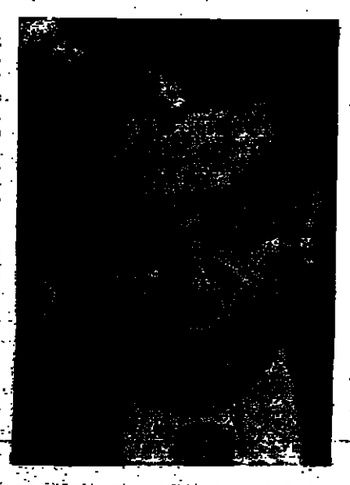
Sarkis elected as Lebanese President

OST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Lebanese leftist forces last night nched a terror campaign in Beit in reaction to the election by arliament earlier in the day of the rian-backed conservative Central nk Governor, Elias Sarkis, as the w President.

Sarkis, 52, was voted into office 66 deputies who gathered for e vote in a makeshift house of puties in war-torn Beirut in dence of a leftist threat against lding the election. The leftists had med veteran politician Reymond ide as their candidate but boytted the parliamentary election ssion to protest what they desbed as Syrian military and polial pressure.

Cairo Radio, which opposed Syria expressing sympathy for an alnce between the leftists and the lestine Liberation Organization in banon, yesterday said that Sar-' election came under a Syrianpired state of terror. The Egypn state radio charged that the e was held under the guns of Damascus-sponsored Palestine peration Army and the "Sa'eka" botage organization which was ently reported to have been reinced with Syrian regular troops. Sarkis' election represented a vicy for Syria and a blow to the t as well as to the PLO and to ypt.



Elias Sarkis, Governor of Lebanon's Central Bank, who was elected President yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

Sixty-nine of Lebanon's 99 deputies showed up for the vote despite a barrage of mortar shells fired from nearby leftist strongholds and a Palestinian refugee camp near Beirut's airport. Sixty-six deputies

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Ford vetoes $4.5b. foreign aid bill; talks are due on 'suitable' compromise

By WOLF BLITZER
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ASHINGTON. — President Ford s vetoed this year's $4.5b. foreign authorization bill, explaining t the bill would have seriously structed the exercise of "the sident's constitutional responsiities for the conduct of foreign airs."

The President, as had been exted following his surprise indion to congressional leaders two eks ago that the bill as aped by Congress was unacceptle, declared on Friday that the asure "includes a number of wise restrictions that would sersly inhibit my ability to implent a coherent and consistent forn policy."

Leaders in the House and Senate, luding some Republicans, resded angrily to the President's o. Sen. Clifford Case (R-NJ), king Republican on the Forn Relations Committee, called President's action "unwise and ply disappointing."

Congressional leaders, aware that necessary two-thirds vote in the use and Senate needed to overe the veto was impossible, are w talking about combining the ded fiscal year 1975 authorizan bill with the pending fiscal year 7 bill and to remove some of amendments the President found lesirable.

For Israel, this issue is crucial ause it is slated to receive some 2b. in the 1976 package and an- $1.8b. in the 1977 bill. In addi, Israel is eligible to obtain an- $550m. for the three-month ansition quarter" running from y 1 through September 30 — the President has threatened to veto the accompanying foreign aid appropriations bill — now pending in the House — if that extra sum is included.

Israel supporters on Capitol Hill had originally hoped that the two bills would remain separate so as to not convey the impression that Israel was receiving some $4b. in assistance. From the standpoint of public gains the smaller figures would have served Israel's public relations interests.

But because of the May 15 deadline under the new budget committee regulations regarding Foreign Relations Committee approval of the 1977 bill, it now seems likely that the two measures will have to be combined.

Administration officials will begin shortly negotiations with the Congress regarding a suitable compromise, which is likely to come about because both the President and the Congress are interested in some foreign aid package being approved.

The issue of the $550m. in transition funding for Israel is likely to be resolved in a compromise involving a reduction of the sum to $375m. provided that it is allocated in credit form, rather than as a grant.

But the congressional restrictions on the President's conduct of foreign policy will make it harder to negotiate a compromise. Many legislators are making it clear that they consider the amendments attached in the bill constructive elements, and will strongly fight attempts to remove them.

While the Congress and the Administration discuss these amendments and attempt to reach a compromise, the Congress will have to approve a "continuing resolution" permitting the executive branch to continue the foreign aid programme temporarily.

Israel supporters will try to attach an amendment to this resolution — a stop-gap measure — forcing the President to provide aid to Israel at the 1976 fiscal year rate, rather than the much lower 1975 fiscal year rate. Unless this is approved, Israel will have difficulty making payments for military orders being delivered, and its cash-flow problems will be compounded.

In the President's lengthy message to the Congress explaining the veto, Ford did not refer to the Middle East or aid to Israel per se. In fact, he primarily defended the veto on issues of principle.

He specifically referred to four amendments in the authorization bill which he found unacceptable:

- A $9b. arbitrary arms sale ceiling, which he said limits America's ability to respond to the legitimate defence needs "of our friends and obstructs U.S. industry from competing fairly with foreign suppliers." Administration officials have begun spreading the word that this annual arms ceiling would also have negative results for Israel, whose arms purchases from the U.S. might have to be reduced if this amendment is allowed to become law. Israel's friends in Congress who support the amendment claim that there is enough flexibility in the language of the amendment to allow the President to go above the $9b. figure if he deems it to be in the national interest.
- Strict human rights and anti-discrimination measures forbidding the U.S. to continue military arms sales programmes with countries that discriminate against U.S. citizens involved in those programmes. Ford said that these amendments would impair America's "ability to deal by more appropriate means with objectionable practices of other nations." Supporters of the measures make the point that the Administration, primarily concerned about continuing massive arms sales to Saudi Arabia, wants to avoid the amendments because either the Saudis would have to permit American Jewish citizens to compete equally for jobs in Saudi

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CABINET MEETS TODAY

Period of grace seen for Kaddum

By DAVID LANDAU
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Today's Cabinet debate on Kaddum and West Bank settlement is expected to end without provoking a crisis in the coalition, or a violent confrontation with the Kaddum settlers. There is growing confidence in Jerusalem that both of these dangers, which have been hanging over the government's head since the Kaddum episode began last December, can be avoided — by skilful formulations, and by some softening of positions on the parts of all the protagonists.

The Cabinet is likely to adopt a resolution which will say — at least by implication — that Kaddum, near Nablus, is not a spot where the government wants to encourage Jewish civilian settlement. The resolution will invite the Kaddum settlers to choose an alternative site which would fit into the government's overall settlement policy. That policy is basically akin to the "Allon Plan," favouring settlement in the sparsely populated Jordan Rift and in parts of the Judean Desert. But the Cabinet is not expected to spell out its settlement priorities in clear terms today — as it has refrained from doing ever since the Six Day War.

The Kaddum settlers will in effect be given a period of grace in which to negotiate with the ministerial settlement committee over an alternative site. But no deadline, and no specific threat of ultimate eviction from Kaddum will be included in today's Cabinet decision — so that supporters of the settlers can endorse the decision, or at least not provoke a coalition crisis over it.

The broad lines of this compromise decision were first canvassed some weeks ago by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. He has been in the forefront of the group of ministers who want Kaddum removed. But he has been determined to avoid, if at all possible, a violent showdown between the settlers and the army — or to ensure that, if there is to be a showdown, it is perceived by the public as the settlers' fault, not the government's.

Allon's ex-Ahdut Avoda colleague Yisrael Galili, chairman of the ministerial settlement committee and a past master at formulating compromise solutions to difficult problems, has been negotiating the wording of the proposed resolution with key ministers from the various coalition factions.

The Labour Party ministers are to meet at nine o'clock this morning, before the Cabinet debate, in order to hammer out an agreed consensus among themselves.

Still unclear last night was the position of Defence Minister Shimon Peres. He is publicly on record as supporting the Kaddum settlers' demand that they be allowed to remain at the site and build up their caravan camp into a permanent village. But if the majority of the Labour Party ministers — as well as Mapam and the Independent Liberals — press for Kaddum's ultimate removal, as is thought likely, Peres is expected to agree to a compromise.

Zevulun Hammer, the young National Religious Party Welfare Minister and a leader of Gush Emunim, which sponsors the Kaddum settlement, told *The Post* last night that he was pledged to resign only if the settlers were forcibly evicted. This was the position of the entire NRP, he noted.

As for the mooted compromise resolution, he would have to see whether it facilitated the group's settlement elsewhere "in Samaria." He acknowledged that — as Yigal Allon has pointed out — the northern part of the Jordan Rift is also "Samaria," but he stressed that it was not "the heart of Samaria" and was therefore not as acceptable.

The ILP's Gideon Hausner said his party would support the proffered compromise, which he termed "a decision in stages." "I think reason will prevail," he predicted. ILP could accept no less than the compromise that was shaping, but on the other hand it would not press for a specific deadline for Kaddum's closure.

The two Mapam ministers, however, are expected to urge such a deadline, and *possibly* force a vote on it. But in the end they, too, are expected to approve — at least by abstention — the compromise decision, which will in effect call for Kaddum's removal without saying so in so many words.

An "Open Letter to Gush Emunim" published on Friday by writer Haim Guri is believed to have toughened some Labourites' position against the Kaddum settlers. Guri was instrumental in achieving the compromise last December, whereby the settlers agreed to move from the old railway station in Sebastia (where they had originally pitched camp) to the site adjoining the Kaddum military base.

In his open letter Guri recalled that the settlers had agreed at the time that the Kaddum arrangement was a temporary solution pending a final Cabinet decision—which the settlers pledged to accept. Emunim, Guri wrote, were now threatening to call in "tens of thousands of supporters" to block any Cabinet move to eject them by force. This flew in the face of the earlier agreement, Guri stated, and "contravenes the minimal tenets of decency."

Radio and TV technicians call off strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel radio and television broadcasts will continue normally today after technicians cancelled their planned strike.

The technicians in the Ministry of Communications had threatened to strike against a Government-Histadrut agreement abolishing their specific allowances. But following a meeting in Tel Aviv with Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel and the Director-General of the Ministry of Communications, Moshe Gidron, the strike was called off.

Yehezkel Sheffer, a works committee leader told *The Jerusalem Post* the workers "responded to the Histadrut Secretary-General's plea not to strike."

Actually, the militant leaders enjoyed only limited support among the workers. A plebiscite held April 29 showed 47 per cent of the technicians were *opposed to fighting* the planned abolition.

The Knesset's decision to legalize the agreement and the reports that the Government was ready to issue back-to-work orders to assure essential services apparently convinced the militants they were doomed to fail in their strike.

By last night it seemed their leaders were looking for a face-saving measure to enable them to cancel the strike. Meshel's appeal provided just that. Sheffer said they received no under-the-table promises.

IT IS TIME TO SAY NO TO GUSH EMUNIM

On the eve of the demonstration held by Mapam—Hashomer-Hatzair and the Committee for a Sane Policy on the 8th of May M.K. Arie Eliav — of the Independent Socialist Movement — got the following cables:

"We American Jews who are ardent supporters of Israel's existence encourage all peace forces in their demonstration on the Eighth of May against the proposed Jewish settlement in Kadum on the West Bank.

Like our brothers and sisters in Israel, we feel that further Jewish settlement in the occupied territories is an obstacle to peace efforts.

We will join with all people committed to a secure Israel in building a just and equitable peace."

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THE WEATHER

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Weather synopsis: A weak upper trough together with a Red Sea trough is causing local rain in our area.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	28	16—24	14—24
Golan	24	14—26	14—24
Nahariya	63	13—29	13—25
Safad	33	13—26	14—24
Tiberias	25	16—33	15—28
Nazareth	38	18—27	17—24
Afula	36	13—30	13—27
Shomron	28	21—36	15—24
Tel Aviv	62	18—28	16—24
B.G. Airport	50	15—31	14—27
Jericho	47	17—30	17—31
Gaza	32	18—32	16—35
Beersheba	21	18—31	15—37
Eilat	13	22—38	22—35
Tiran Straits	9	26—37	24—35

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir on Thursday received Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rothenberg of Pittsburg, donators of Yaacov Agam's "The Menora" work to Beit Hanassi.

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Franz Cardinal Koenig, Archbishop of Vienna, on Friday called on Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael.

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Thomas Nilsen, president of the Danish Trade Unions, on Friday called on Amos Eran, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office.

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Military correspondents held a party on Friday in honour of outgoing IDF Spokesman Tat-Aluf Dov Sion and his successor, Tat-Aluf Yoel Ben Porat.

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The Haifa Municipality on Friday awarded the Arthur Ruppin annual prize to Adir Cohen for his book "The Educational Ideas of Martin Buber"; the Herman Struck prize to Avshalom Okshi for "The Murder of the Innocents," the David Pinsky prize to Yehoshua Sobol for his play "The Night of the Twenty" and to Moshe Jungman for his Yiddish poetry, and the Frank Pelleg prize to Moshe Goraly for his life work in music.

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Sir Isaac and Lady Wolfson on Thursday awarded scholarships to 40 young athletes at a ceremony attended by Mordechai Mayer, chairman of the scholarship fund and Moshe Sanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel.

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Rabbanit Sarah Herzog and former MK Tova Sanhedrai will speak at the National Religious Women's Organization's annual Eshet Hayil luncheon at the Knesset today, May 9. Dr. Judith Lieberman will be guest of honour at the dinner, in which 300 women, members of the organization's English-speaking council, will take part, in support of NRW's nurseries and kindergartens.

ARRIVALS

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi, from a five-day visit to Britain and Denmark, where he met with his opposite numbers and took part in Israel Independence Day observances.

'Washington Star' interview

Scranton: Israel might deal with PLO if it agrees to coexist

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — Once PLO leader Yasser Arafat publicly accepts coexistence with Israel as the objective of Middle East negotiations, a major precondition for PLO participation in future peace negotiations, including the Genva Conference, would be met, UN Ambassador William Scranton is reported to have said.

The controversial envoy, who recently replaced Daniel Moynihan as America's ambassador to the world body, is also reported to have "implied" during an interview published yesterday in "The Washington Star" that Israel, despite adamant public posturing against dealing with the PLO under any circumstances, might be willing to see the PLO take part in negotiations if it accepts coexistence.

Scranton said that he had told Arab delegates it would be the "responsibility and the task of the Arab leadership to impress on the PLO" the need to accept the same basis for Mideast negotiations that other parties have adopted. That basis was laid in UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, which imply coexistence between Israel and the Arab states.

It would be "very unfair" for the PLO to start from an initial demand for Israel's destruction, Scranton said he has told Arab delegates, even if this were simply a bargaining tactic.

He added that it would "not be possible to carry on a normal negotiation under those circumstances" — that is to say without public PLO acceptance of Israel's right to exist.

President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger have often said that the U.S. will not recognize nor deal with the PLO until the terrorist organization first recognizes Israel's existence and accepts resolutions 242 and 338. Scranton now appears to have turned that "negative" statement into its "positive" corrolary — Washington will deal with the PLO if those minimal conditions are met.

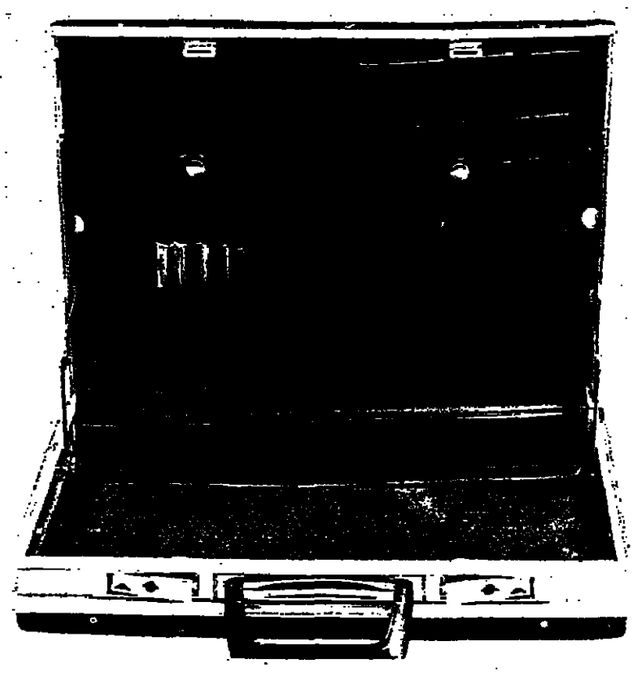
Israel has maintained publicly that it will not deal with the PLO under even those circumstances — a basic difference between Washington and Jerusalem.

Scranton said that the U.S. is "looking for some way" to reopen Middle East peace negotiations. "We want to get this thing going again," he said. But he acknowledged that it would be "very difficult" to make progress until the Arabs and Israel can focus on something besides the Lebanese crisis. When the Lebanese situation stabilizes, habits of cooperation across Israel-Arab frontiers which have been developed during the Lebanese fighting will make the job of negotiating an Arab-Israel peace easier, he said.

He was presumably referring to reports that Israel, the U.S. and Syria have kept in close touch on Lebanese developments, with Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia also trying to help put a lid on the fighting in Lebanon.

Regarding Israeli settlements on the West Bank, Scranton said that other sources of security would have to be found for Israel if military settlements in the territories were uprooted or if the territory on which the settlements had been placed was returned to the Arabs in a peace agreement.

Last month, Scranton called the settlements an "obstacle" to progress towards peace.



THE DISCOVERY of this false-bottomed briefcase in the possession of a resident of Rafah led to the cracking of a terrorist ring in the Gaza Strip during the past few weeks. The man was stopped at a police road block not far from El-Arish toward the end of March. Two kilos of explosives were found in the cases's false bottom.

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Ford vetoes foreign aid bill

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Arabia or the U.S. would have to cut off arms sales to them.

- Removing restrictions on trade with North and South Vietnam, which Ford said "undercuts any incentive the North Vietnamese may initiate."
- Mandating a termination of grant military assistance programmes after 1977. This amendment, which would not affect Israel because technically Israel's grant military assistance is given in a different category, would hurt Greece, Jordan, Turkey and other countries which rely on this programme. Israel's grant military assistance is provided as "forgiven" credits, an important difference from the normal programme.

Meanwhile, Sen. John Sparkman (D-Ala.) and Rep. Thomas P. Morgan (D-Pa.), the respective chairmen of the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees, are said to be considering a proposal to waive a certain amount of Israel's debt to the U.S. as a possible means of lowering future foreign aid to Israel.

Rep. Otto Passman (D-La.), chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on Foreign Operations, had made such a proposal last year, but Israel's supporters rejected it because they felt that it could have a negative effect on Israel's credit rating in the international money market.

"There is some revived consideration being given to the concept now provided that it is clear that the proposal was a congressional initiative, and not that of Israel.

One of Israel's strongest bargaining points in winning foreign aid packages from the U.S. has been the fact that Israel always pays back its loans on time. But as Israel's foreign debt increases — especially to the U.S. — it is becoming increasingly more difficult for Israel to meet payments. There has not been any default to date.

Congressional supporters make it clear that waiver of part of Israel's debt would not be a "moratorium" — at least not technically. And if this proposal now gets off the ground, this difference will have to be made clear so as not to affect Israel's credit rating.

In Jerusalem, officials stressed that the veto had nothing to do with Israel — as Administration spokesmen have made clear in the past.

The understanding in Jerusalem is that Israel will continue to receive U.S. aid in a regular flow, under a continuing resolution, while further negotiations proceed between the President and the Congress. Officials here are hoping that the aid will flow at the $2.2b. per annum level — the figure Israel is to receive for 1976 — and not at the much lower figure ($700m. per annum) which was Israel's aid packet during last year.

They recall that the $2.2b. figure was agreed by Messrs. Ford and Kissinger during the Sinai agreement talks last August.

SARKIS ELECTED

(Continued from page one)

voted Sarkis into the presidency on a second ballot. Three deputies cast blank cards. The first ballot was three votes short of the required two-thirds majority in Parliament which is composed of 45 Moslem and 54 Christian deputies. The leftist candidate, Edde, was not marked on either ballot.

Edde had stayed away from the vote in response to the leftist boycott called for by an alliance headed by Kamal Junblatt.

The main Christian as well as Moslem political leaders were among those who voted for Sarkis. Those present included two of the main Christian antagonists in Lebanon's civil war, Pierre Jemayyel and Camille Chamoun. Like the latter two, Sarkis is a member of the Christian Maronite community which has dominated Lebanon's administration throughout that country's three-decade-old independence.

Sarkis was expected to take over the presidency this week following the formal resignation of President Suleiman Franjieh, who had been pressed to step down six months before the end of his six-year term.

Sarkis, a former judge who has earned considerable respect during his nine-year term at the Central Bank, is expected to carry out a Syrian peace plan for ending Lebanon's 13-month-old civil war which climaxed a seven-year-long conflict between the predominant Christian establishment and the PLO with their leftist supporters. The Syrian plan which calls for altering the 6-5 ratio favouring Christians in the Lebanese administration to one of equality between Christians and Moslems in the government is however being resisted by the leftists, who in turn want their own kind of regime.

It was not clear by late last night whether the leftists would put up a new fight to bring down Sarkis with the aim of promoting their own administration.

Indications were that the Syrians intend to continue exerting pressure until Sarkis establishes the new republic with a new Moslem Prime Minister. The future of Lebanon however appeared to be dependent on the Lebanese military command's pledges to rally their armed forces which have disintegrated in the course of recent fighting. One-third of the country's 16,000-man army remains available for duty, another third has defected and joined dissident forces supporting the leftists, and the rest simply went home.

Israel allowed WHO inspection of Areas

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

GENEVA. — In a surprise move, Israel has secretly permitted a World Health Organization survey of conditions in occupied territories that Arab nations had urged for the past three years. But there were indications on Friday that the Arab nations now might be reluctant to accept the committee's findings.

Diplomatic sources said on Friday that the members of the special committee set up in 1973 travelled individually and on invitation from the director general of the Israel Health Ministry, Prof. Ya'acov Menczel.

In Jerusalem last night, a Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed that the committee members had been allowed in "as individuals." "We have nothing to hide, and much that we are proud to show," the spokesman noted.

He acknowledged that this did mean a shift in Israel's previous position, but stressed that Israel still objected to the original establishment of the committee on the grounds that there was no need for it.

The committee members included health experts from Senegal, Rumania and Indonesia. They toured the occupied territories in turns during the past two months or so.

The Indonesian returned only a few days ago to join his colleagues in writing the report that is expected to be submitted to the annual WHO assembly here later this week.

For three straight years, the assembly had condemned Israel for refusing to admit the committee. The Israeli argument had been that two of the three committee members were nationals of governments that had broken diplomatic relations with Israel and that the committee thus carried with it a pre-judgement.

Fathi Arafat, vice president of the Palestinian Red Crescent and head of the Palestinian observer delegation to the WHO assembly, avoided a straight comment on whether he would recognize the report as factual.

In a speech at the assembly on Thursday, Syrian Health Minister Dr. M. al-Khiyami renewed attacks on Israel for not admitting the committee. Asked about this, a WHO spokesman said "I didn't hear exactly what he said but I imagine it was not quite factual."

Observers suggested the speech might forecast a refusal by Syria and other Arab nations to accept the report because the commission was not allowed in as a body.

(AP)

Peretz denies discouraging *olim*

Jerusalem Post Reporters

ASHDOD. — Yehoshua Peretz, leader of the port workers here, yesterday categorically denied that he was in any way involved with attempts to persuade disgruntled immigrants from Morocco to return to that country.

Peretz told *The Jerusalem Post* that he was being accused of this, and believed it was being done to besmirch his reputation.

He claimed he did not know who was trying to persuade immigrants from Morocco to leave Israel. Nor did he know who was trying to implicate him.

At a Tel Aviv press conference last Thursday, leaders of the Moroccan Immigrants Federation quoted police sources who reported that two Ashdod residents had spoken to Moroccan immigrants in the Negev township of Sderot about leaving the country. Another source charged that "a leading public figure" was involved in the persuasion attempt.

Car kills Gaza boy

GAZA. — A five-year-old boy from Jabaliya near here — Awal Baruka — was struck and killed by a private car in downtown Gaza on Friday. The driver was held for questioning. (Itim)

Bribe charges against Defence Ministry officia

TEL AVIV. — Mordechai Kar deputy-director of the Insurance Claims Division of the Defence istry, was indicted Friday on cha of taking bribes and other offe allegedly committed in the co of his work.

The representative of the torney-General, Nurit Ahituv, the Tel Aviv District Court Kartoni had been in charge of unit handling claims by civil whose vehicles were enlisted by army during and after the 1973 Kippur War. He was responsible supervising the compensation of owners whose vehicles were d aged, the sale of parts from dam cars and the work of the asses

Ahituv charged that the acc had taken bribes, stolen money f the Ministry and made fals statements regarding some of cases he had handled. Kartoni de all charges brought against him

The court ruled that Kartoni would remain in detention until conclusion of his trial. He has alr spent 67 days in jail. (I

Kollek: J'lem mayor should be in Cabinet

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Ko yesterday said that the Capit mayor should hold a Cabinet p and serve as chairman of ministerial committee handl the city's affairs.

Speaking on Israel Rad weekly magazine program Kollek called on the Governm to appoint a Minister for Je salem who would deal with city's unique problems in pl of the various ministries curr ly doing the job.

Kollek complained that enough was being done to b the Jewish population of Je salem and said the Governm was dragging its feet in tr ferring its central offices activities to the Capital. (It

MARINE OFFICER THREATEN STRIK

Jerusalem Post Reporters

HAIFA. — The Marine Off Union will hold a 24-hour strik all merchant marine ships f Mandarine Core is sold to a fo buyer, the union has told the Go ment and Histadrut.

The ship, which belongs to hard-pressed Maritime Fruit Car Company, is being held in Hom at the request of an American b one of the company's creditor court is to rule on the ship's tomorrow, and the union fear may be sold to a foreign firm. T want the government to offer in tives to potential Israeli buyers

The fruit carrier company o ates seven other refrigeration s under the Israeli flag, and the of the Mandarine Core may determine theirs too.

N. America wins bridge title, Israel finishes 3rd

By TANNAH HIRSH
Special to The Jerusalem Post

MONTE CARLO. — In a swinging final in which both sides threw points with matchless abandon, North America yesterday defeated Italy by a score of 232 IMP (International Match Points) to 198 to coin the Bermuda Bowl symbol of the world championships of contract bridge.

Though Israel did not reach the final, finishing third, the Israelis did have a decisive say in who did reach it. For a while it looked as if it might be Israel.

In the final qualifying round, Israel hammered the South American champions, Brazil, 17-3. That meant that Italy, defending world champions, would have to get at least nine of the 20 victory points at stake in their match against Australia if they were to get a shot at defending.

The match was in doubt right until the last board. Australia held a lead over the champions for most of the match but a disaster on the final deal allowed Italy to sneak through with a 12-8 win, and get into the final with a score five IMP better than Israel.

In eighth round play on Thursday afternoon, Brazil moved into the crucial second position behind the United States by crushing Australia 20 points to minus one.

Italy had to struggle to defeat Hong Kong, which has yet to win a match, by 13-7.

On Friday Italy secured its place in the finals against the United States with a last-minute comeback in the 10th and final qualifying round.

After lying third behind the U.S. and Brazil when the round began, the Italians scraped home to a 13-10 victory against Australia as the Israeli team pushed the Brazilians down into fourth position.

The U.S., a clear seven points ahead of its nearest rival before Thursday's match began, secured its lead with a 17-3 victory over last-placed Hong Kong.

Play begins today in the Fifth World Team Olympiad. A record field of 44 teams is taking part in the open, while 22 will compete in the women's series.

Labour yields a bit on Alignment reappraisal

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam won a partial victory on Friday in its fight for changes in the Alignment agreement when its partner Labour agreed to have the two parties' secretaries-general meet on the possibility of setting up "a more limited circle" to discuss the matter.

The move came at the Alignment Executive's third meeting devoted to reappraisal of the Alignment Pact between the two parties. The main subject of the discussions in the "more limited circle" (than the Executive) will apparently be Mapam's demand that Israel declare its "peace aims."

The meeting was marked by a more conciliatory atmosphere than the two preceeding ones. Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz declared that collapse of the Alignment would be "a real disaster," and said that "without Mapam economic reforms are impossible."

Mapam has been pushing for the setting up of three small sub-committees to examine respectively, the political, economic and organizational aspects of the alignment. The organizational committee idea was dropped after Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin noted that everyone agreed organization needed streamlining.

But for Mapam, of the two remaining projected committees the important one will be the one dealing with politics — or rather, with the "Working Document on Peace" which Mapam prepared in its Political Committee recently, and which urges the Government to declare Israel's specific peace aims.

Eliezer Granott, Mapam's new Organization Secretary, said on Friday that he agreed with Mr. Rabin that no one on the Arab side accepted the peace idea at all. But Granott argued, Mapam wanted to examine with Labour the premises which Israel could outline in the hope that some quarters might eventually accept them as a possible basis for negotiations.

Thus worded, Mapam's position was not too distant from what Rabin had himself told the National Religious Party last week: so the Prime Minister suggested it be aired in a committee.

Labour's Moshe Carmel, formerly of Ahdut Avoda warned Mapam not to request "a new Alignment Pact" but to be content with some adjustments. His address was described as "friendly" by Mapam sources, however.

The Alignment Executive will meet again next Friday, after Mapam's Rikuz (its leading forum) and Labour's Leadership Bureau have had time to meet. But the future of the Alignment seems to depend not so much on the theoretical deliberations in committees as on the intention of some Mapam leaders to sever their contacts with Labour and try to go it alone with the electorate. According to Health Minister Victor Shemtov, Mapam stands a good chance to sweep to its side all voters to the left of Labour, except those who support Rakah.

Canadian church group here for study-tour

A delegation of senior church leaders from Canada arrived in Israel on Friday for a week-long study tour as guests of the Tourism Ministry and El-Al.

The group includes the Anglican bishop of Montreal, the Anglican bishop of Toronto, Catholic bishops and the Secretary-General of the Lutheran Council in Canada. They will visit Christian holy sites and meet with church leaders in Israel, and have been asked to encourage pilgrimages to Israel upon their return to Canada.

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Security eased as West Bank calm restored

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Military Government over the weekend lifted all security measures recently enforced in several West Bank towns, as the latest round of unrest appeared to have subsided.

In Nablus, the authorities ordered the removal of a dozen iron gates with which security forces had closed off the Casba (old city). Following several weeks of disrupted classes, schools yesterday reported over 80 per cent attendance, including the Samaria district where students have championed the recent outbreak of anti-Israel riots.

The restoration of normalcy was evidently the work of the new nationalist mayors, reported to be concerned over launching development projects as well as getting students back in classes for the year's end exams.

A number of West Bank mayors were reported to be planning protests against censorship of coverage of West Bank politics in the three Jerusalem Arab dailies — "Al-Quds," "Al-Fajr" and "A-Sha'ab." The censorship issue was raised by the moderate "Al-Quds" in a critical editorial.

Itim reported on Friday that the headmaster of the Saknin elementary school told police someone had torn up national flags that had been flown in the school courtyard on Independence Day, last Wednesday.

NBC News protests restrictions

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Foreign Press Association's committee is scheduled to meet in Jerusalem today to discuss tightened restrictions on newsmen covering West Bank demonstrations.

The meeting was called following the latest incident involving foreign newsmen and Israeli security forces in the administered territories. Richard Wald, president of NBC News, has written to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Israel Ambassador to the UN Chaim Herzog, protesting the arrest by Israeli police last Thursday of three NBC television crewmen.

The three men, including Avraham Zaritsky, chief of NBC's Tel Aviv bureau, were detained in Jenin for six hours, questioned and fingerprinted. According to some Israeli journalists they were suspected of "staging" a demonstration in the town for their TV camera. Zaritsky strongly rejected this allegation. He said the crew had encountered a group of youths burning car tyres, and had begun to film when Israeli soldiers suddenly appeared and ordered them to stop and hand over their camera.

Zaritsky claimed that when the cameraman refused to comply with the order he was beaten on the legs with a rifle butt. He said that the military commander told them they had contravened standing orders and entered Jenin while it was under curfew. The NBC bureau chief said he later checked this claim and affirmed that Jenin had not been under curfew orders on Thursday.

In his strongly worded letter of protest, Wald said that no NBC employee would deliberately break the law in a host country and complained that during the period they were detained, no one tried to explain to the NBC crew members the nature of their offence.

Recovering from the shrapnel wounds he suffered in the Rehov Ben-Yehuda terrorist blast, three-year-old Stav Gaon enjoys a moment in the playroom of Shaare Zedek Hospital's Department of Pediatrics in Jerusalem. Next to his Shaare Zedek nurse is Stav's mother, Mrs. Nitzhiya Gaon (left) and his nursery school teacher, Mrs. Stella Medina, who had come to visit. Stav and his mother, who is seven months' pregnant, had both been rushed to Shaare Zedek immediately after the explosion last Monday evening and received emergency treatment. Mrs. Gaon was released next day, and little Stav is looking forward to going home this morning.

Chilean ex-President Frei here for visit

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Eduardo Frei Montalva, President of Chile until 1964, arrived with his wife here on Friday for a visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry. Mr. Frei, who said he is living in Santiago in retirement from political life, will meet with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, Mrs. Golda Meir, and other political figures, and will be received by President Katzir. (Itim)

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CONGRESSIONAL REPORT

'Almost every U.S. firm joined Arab boycott'

WASHINGTON. — Almost every American company pressured by Arab interests joined in an anti-Israel trade boycott over a nine-week period last year, congressional investigators reported on Friday.

They said a preliminary investigation of secret Commerce Department documents revealed that 91 per cent of American exporters went along with the boycott request between October 1 and December 5 last year.

Only two per cent of the companies refused to comply, and the remaining seven per cent were either undecided or declined to disclose their decision to the department, investigators said.

The initial final findings were disclosed by Congressman John Moss, chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Commerce Subcommittee on Investigations, in a letter to the House of Representatives International Relations Committee.

Congressman James Scheuer, New York Democrat, said that these American firms did about $14m. worth of business with Arab states during the last quarter of 1975. The firms participating in the boycott reported that the value of their business with the Arabs totalled over $352m. during the nearly two-year period, the report said.

Therefore, said Scheuer, the percentage of firms that participated in the boycott, and the total volume of business involved during the two-year period, may be much higher than previously reported by the Commerce Department. (Reuter, AP)

Amit threatens to quit Koor if Steel City reform blocked

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Meir Amit, head of the Histadrut's giant Koor industrial holdings company, said over the weekend that he will quit if his plan for putting Koor's "Steel City" back on its feet is not adopted.

Mr. Amit, who was speaking over Israel Radio, added that if it were up to him alone he would close down the money-losing plant, which is outside Acre.

The one-time Chief of Intelligence described the situation at Steel City as far worse than the public imagines and indeed the worst problem he has faced since taking over leadership of Koor. To end the chaos he had proposed steps to raise productivity and better fit its labour-force to new technology. But the Histadrut leadership seemed to prefer to tackle the problem through its traditional method of appointing a committee — a step he viewed very gravely.

He stressed that the concern cannot be allowed to continue to lose such large amounts of money, and to be subsidized at the expense of other Koor workers.

Koor estimates that if the Acre operation continues in its present way, Steel City's total cumulative losses will reach IL45.5m. by the end of this year. It says that Amit's plan to heal the company would save about IL32m., and enable Steel City to climb out of the red in 1977.

Under the plan, Koor would lend the steel firm up to IL10m. The firm would reduce its stocks of materials, and go over to cheaper fuels.

Koor demands, however, that the steel-workers agree to a wage-freeze in 1976, and to a change in the norms by which they are paid premiums.

At present these premiums equal 65-75 per cent of base wages, which average IL2,000 per month. With other increments, the average salary at the plant comes to IL4,000-5,600 per month, Koor says. The plan calls for premiums ranging from 33 per cent to a maximum of 65 per cent.

Another important part of the plan calls for shifting 50 workers to new jobs within the company. Another 25 would, for medical reasons, have to find work elsewhere.

The Jerusalem Civil Guard has recently stepped up its training programme. Above are residents of the Neve Ya'acov Quarter at the rifle range. (Elharar)

Two of the three-member Soviet delegation to the annual memorial rally commemorating the Allied victory over Nazi Germany being greeted yesterday by a member of the organizing Rakah Communist Party in the Red Army forest in the Jerusalem hills. The Soviet delegation, led by Professor Roman Akhramovitch, was invited by the Rakah-sponsored Israel-Soviet Friendship Society for a week's visit. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said last night that as far as he knew there were no plans for official meetings with the delegation. (Eli Shneider)

British Zionists take over own aliya effort

LONDON. — Britain's Zionist Federation, now in its 76th year, has decided to appoint its first full-time paid official to promote immigration from Britain to Israel.

Sidney Shipton, the Federation's general secretary, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the decision to appoint an aliya director was "something of a revolution." It stemmed from the decision at last December's Jerusalem Solidarity Conference, that communities in the Diaspora should themselves assume responsibility for stimulating aliya instead of leaving it to the emissaries sent from Israel.

In Britain, the emissaries have been reduced in number from eight to five. Once the Zionist Federation's director starts work they will concentrate on interviewing and processing the potential immigrants who come forward.

Moshe Yotvat, director of the Jewish Agency's Aliya Department, expressed wholehearted support for the local Zionists' initiative. "As a matter of principle," he said, "it should not be the task of emmisaries to come here to take people to Israel."

Eric Graus, recently elected co-chairman of the Zionist Federation's Aliya Committee, agreed. The committee had been meeting twice monthly for 20 years with little to show for its efforts, he said. It now had to have its own full-time staff in order to be taken seriously.

The new director's job will be to co-ordinate the efforts already being made on behalf of aliya and to encourage the formation of new aliya groups throughout the country.

One of the main groups is the British Aliya Movement, established in the wake of the Six Day War. It has been inactive for the last few years but, partly because of the efforts of a new director, Barbara Miller, it is becoming more effective. Before Pessah, it sent a 23-member fact-finding mission to Israel, who came back with renewed enthusiasm.

Graus, who has long campaigned for local "aliya desks," has also seen another of his projects adopted. This is the concept of "Shnat Hova" — a year of duty in Israel. Aimed mainly at young people, it was launched publicly last month. The next stage will be the creation of a national "Shnat Hova Council," which will comprise heads of Jewish schools and youth movements, including non-Zionist groups. (JTA)

EEC official pleased with Israel's efforts

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The prospects of industrial co-operation between Israel and the Common Market will be the main subject on the agenda at a meeting between Israeli and EEC ministers to be held in Israel next month. This was agreed last week between Israeli officials and Finn Olav Gundelach, commissioner in charge of the internal market in the EEC, who left Israel late last night.

Gundelach expressed his appreciation of Israel's efforts in connection with the free trade agreement with the market. He said he was most impressed with the cooperation between the trade unions, private industry and the Government on this issue.

The need for closer industrial co-operation was stressed by Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, director-general of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Mandelbaum told Gundelach that the need arises from Israel's large trade deficit with Market countries. In 1975, Israel exported $723m. worth of goods, as against $1.9 billion worth of imports.

Private sector's currency buying unchanged from '75

By GIDION ESHET
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The private sector's net purchases of foreign currency in the first third of 1976 were $280m., about the same as last year, according to figures released by the Bank of Israel on Friday. The purchases for April reached $60m.

Israel's foreign currency reserves stood constant at $1billion despite the purchases, since the Government borrowed money from the international money markets to compensate for private sector purchases (individual citizens and business firms).

Net purchases are the quantity of foreign currency bought by the private sector above what it supplies. It represents the balance-of-payments deficit of the private sector.

Though this year's figures are so far not significantly different from last year's, officials expect a slight decline compared with last year. According to the Bank's estimates, Israeli industry in 1975 purchased $250m. in imported raw material, beyond the needs of production. The Bank expected this form of speculation against devaluations to end this year because of the costs involved in holding such large stock.

Since the beginning of the year, the Bank of Israel has slightly relaxed the monetary restraints on commercial banks. The banks, which had liquidity deficits of IL1.5 billion by the end of 1975, have succeeded in reducing them to about IL700m. The central bank reduced the liquidity obligations of the commercial banks and contributed to a IL250m. increase in the money base. The Bank of Israel also bought IL350m. worth of bonds from the banks and IL550m. from the free market. The banks were granted short term loans of IL400m. to overcome the deficits.

In justifying these measures, Bank of Israel officials explained that during 1975 interest rates increased by five to six per cent in nominal terms — and by more in real terms. Furthermore, the credit supplied by the banks decreased by five per cent in real terms. Thus, they say, the banks have done enough to restrain the economy and there is no need to impose an additional burden with the liquidity deficits which are taxed.

Dutch royal couple leaves

Jerusalem Post Staff

ROSH PINA. — Crown Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands and her husband Prince Claus yesterday left Israel at the conclusion of their week-long visit to Israel. The royal couple boarded their private jet at the Mahanayim airport near here without any ceremony or fanfare. The Dutch Ambassador, members of his staff and the Israeli hosts saw Princess Beatrix and Prince Claus off.

Over the weekend, the Princess and her entuorage toured Galilee. They visited the Christian communal village of Nes Amin in Western Galilee where they spent several hours with the moshav's members — most of whom are Dutch — and visited its famous flower hothouses.

From Nes Amim the visitors continued to Nazareth where they were to visit the Church of the Annunciation. However, they arrived behind schedule and the attendant at the church entrance refused to open the doors for the royal couple. He said all the priests and monks had already left and would not accede to a Foreign Ministry official's request that the visitors be admitted. Princess Beatrix had to make do with an explanation of the nature of the church from the courtyard.

The Princess and her husband planted trees Friday in the JNF forest near Nazareth bearing Queen Juliana's name and also visited the National Water Carrier station at Tabgha. The royal visitors spent the night in Tiberias where Prince Claus indulged in a bit of water skiing. Princess Beatrix also met with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon at his home in Kibbutz Ginossar.

GERMAN ART is the subject of the next art-film marathon at Jerusalem's Israel Museum, scheduled for Tuesday. The subjects range from John Cranko's Stuttgart Ballet through the expressionist "Die Bruecke" group to the Bauhaus, and in music from Beethoven to Stockhausen. Time is 6.30 to 10p.m. The programme will be repeated at the Tel Aviv Museum on May 25, starting at 4.30.

Katzir to be honoured by Weizmann Institute

Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Ephraim Katzir will be awarded an honorary doctorate this afternoon at the Weizmann Institute — where he taught for a quarter of a century. So far, the Institute has awarded only six honorary doctorates, although it has awarded about 100 honorary fellowships.

Professor Katzir, who joined the Institute after the War of Independence, left only when he was elected to the presidency. He himself received his first doctorate — not an honorary one — at the Hebrew University.

THIS YEAR'S Nordau Prizes were awarded last week to Prof. Shimon Shamir (History); Prof. Ya'acov Katz (Judaism); poet Ya'acov Gat (Literature); painter Yosef Kossonogi (Art) and pianist Vera Lengyel (Music).

UN Swedish soldiers hope to take part in Carmel trek

Jerusalem Post Reporters

HAIFA. — About 20 Swedish soldiers from the UN Emergency Force in Sinai intend participating in the orienteering competition, to be held here on May 18 in memory of Segen David Uzan, who fell at the Suez Canal during the war of attrition.

One of the Swedes wrote to the organisers that they miss the Swedish terrain in the desert, and hope that the Mt. Carmel race would remind them of home and put them back into shape. He wrote that they hope to borrow a bus from their battalion to come to Haifa and asked, "Will we be allowed to compete in short trousers?"

The race will cover an eight kilometre route in the Carmel National Park, around the Observation Point established in Segen Uzan's memory. Competitors in an orienteering race are given a map of the usually difficult terrain, and must find their own way, checking in at a number of control stations on the way.

Orienteering is a popular sport in Sweden.

Nightclub sex brings crowd — and police

TEL AVIV. — A nude nightclub performance, allegedly climaxed by sexual intercourse, led to the arrest of the club's owners in Jaffa on Friday.

Police said the owners of the Caravan Club had been arrested before for a similar incident. They said the performers were French tourists hired to attract customers.

Dissatisfied spectators made the complaint to the police. (Itim)

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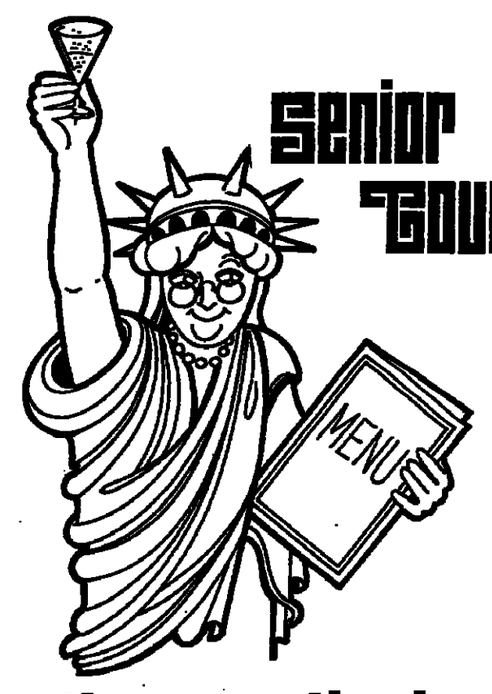

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Ford mounts campaign in Midwest farm belt

LINCOLN, Nebraska. — President Ford went on the offensive in the Midwest farm belt yesterday to blunt Ronald Reagan's mounting challenge for the Republican presidential nomination.

A change in campaign strategy was apparent as the President, avoiding question-and-answer sessions, painted a glowing picture of the U.S. under his leadership.

The President, shaken by four primary election defeats in a week at the hands of Reagan, stayed with the prepared text of speeches and avoided political exchanges with his audiences.

In the past Ford had been forced on to the defensive by question-and-answer sessions in the face of Reagan's charges that he was surrendering control of the Panama Canal and had permitted America's defences to weaken.

Ford is reassessing his campaign strategy after severe primary election defeats in Texas, Indiana, Georgia and Alabama.

Concentrating yesterday on his own record he told a University of Nebraska audience:

"Because we are strong, because we are prepared... America has gained new respect and the free world once more looks to us for leadership and inspiration."

Only once did he answer questions — at a farm forum in Omaha Friday night, when the entire discussion revolved around commodity subsidies, veterinary medicine and meat production.

The President, flying to Independence, Missouri, where he is due to visit the grave of Democratic President Harry Truman on the 92nd anniversary of Truman's birth, came to Nebraska on Friday to campaign in the state's May 11 primary election.

For the President, the Nebraska primary is a crucial contest and one he must win if he is to wrest the initiative from Reagan and nip the former California governor's suddenly blooming presidential campaign in the bud.

The President said in his prepared remarks at the University of Nebraska, that the country, far from declining, had found a new spirit of optimism.

The President broke no new ground during the trip, but he stressed his conviction that he had a good record in bringing the country out of the recession, following strong foreign and defence policies, and restoring confidence in the White House after the Watergate era. (Reuter)

East German workers near the Berlin Wall's Checkpoint Charlie were photographed on Friday as they tore down the division between East and West Berlin. The wall is to be rebuilt higher and of reinforced concrete. (AP radiophoto)

Tories gain 15 per cent in UK vote

LONDON. — Britain's opposition Conservative Party notched impressive gains in local municipal elections in England and Wales on Friday, gaining 15 per cent of 16,000 council seats in the widespread voting.

The Conservatives also made major gains from the middle-road Liberals and Independent groups on municipal and district councils.

The Conservatives took some 60 district and borough councils from the ruling Labour Party, which lost some 1,200 seats around the country.

Conservative Party leader Mrs. Margaret Thatcher called for a general Parliamentary election, but most political commentators saw this as little more than window-dressing.

With Britain's economy in tatters, they said, the Conservatives are in no hurry to take over government — and the plethora of problems that an administration would have to face.

The governing party traditionally loses support in municipal elections midway through its five-year term. But commentators noted that the swing to the Conservatives in the municipal elections indicated the Tories would get around a 60-seat majority in parliament if a general election were held soon.

The main councils which fell under Conservative control were Birmingham, Leeds, Nottingham, Derby, Southampton, Exeter, Oxford, Rochdale, and Prime Minister James Callaghan's own base Cardiff.

Labour succeeded in retaining control of Manchester, but lost ground elsewhere in Lancashire and the West Midlands — both highly important electoral battlefields with a big proportion of marginal parliamentary seats.

The turnout in the elections, which did not include greater London, where Labour is strong, was only about 35 per cent of registered voters. (AP, Reuter)

Egypt to buy military transports from France

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — France's state-owned Aerospatiale firm announced on Friday that it is relaunching production of its Transall military transport aircraft in order to meet the needs of the Egyptian and other foreign air forces.

Egypt, which has ordered six C-130 Hercules transports for $60m. from the U.S., is already buying Mirage F-1 fighter-bombers and Alphajet trainers from France.

The Transall, which is manufactured jointly by France and West Germany, is to be put back on the production line in 1977 after a five-year halt. A total of 180 aircraft were manufactured up to 1972.

The new run will cover 75 more aircraft of which only 25 are earmarked for the French air force. France will receive 14 of its new Transalls between 1977 and 1982 and the other eleven after 1982.

West Germany's Luftwaffe has 76 Transalls but has not asked for any of the new production run.

Egypt's Vice-Premier and War Minister General Abdel Gamasy, told French officials that his country would welcome at least 20 Transalls after watching a demonstration flight in France in March.

The Transall is powered by two Rolls Royce turboprops and can carry 100 troops in full kit with tanks and other heavy vehicles.

Egypt opted for China in 1974

CAIRO. — The Egyptian Government decided two years ago to promote China as an alternative to the Soviet Union as a supplier of military hardware, Vice-President Hosni Mubarak disclosed in a broadcast yesterday.

Mubarak, who made an official visit to Peking last month, added that Egypt's links with the Chinese would remain good even if Cairo patched up its strained relations with Moscow.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union has agreed to consider Egypt's request for industrial spare parts and other equipment, according to the Cairo weekly newspaper "Akhbar el-Yom." It said the request was made by Egypt's trade and supply minister, Zakaria Tawfik Abdel Fattah, who visited Moscow recently to sign a trade agreement. (Reuter)

Quake spares Venetian art

VENICE. — The slowly sinking lagoon city of Venice survived Thursday's earthquake with little damage to its unique artistic heritage, experts said yesterday.

A few stones fell from St. Mark's Basilica into a small courtyard when the earthquake struck, ravaging a dozen towns in the Friuli region 100 kms. to the northeast.

The ancient prison building across the Bridge of Sighs was pronounced unsafe because of a crack scarring its facade from the top almost to the main door.

Some 18th century frescoes by Tiepolo in the Palazzo Pisani Moretta developed cracks. A 100 kg. stone sphere crashed down from the top of the Church of San Canziano, tearing a hole in the roof.

Damage in the city's museums was confined to a shattered glass bell and ancient Chinese vase.

Experts had no immediate estimate of whether the earthquake affected the slow sinking of Venice into the Adriatic, a process that has been going on almost imperceptibly for centuries because of rising sea levels and the pumping of water from under the ground on which the city is built.

St. Mark's Square, which was far above flood level until last century, is now flooded by Adriatic tides several times a year. (UPI)

Egypt arrests 'saboteurs recruited by Libya'

CAIRO. — Five Egyptians allegedly recruited by Libya to carry out sabotage in Egypt have been arrested recently, the weekly newspaper "Akhbar el-Yom" reported yesterday.

Interior Minister Sayed Fahmi said in a statement published by Cairo newspapers on Friday that Egyptian security police had arrested "sabotage agents" sent to Egypt upon the instructions of Libyan Leader Muammar Gaddafi to carry out sabotage in Egypt during May Day celebrations.

The alleged plot appeared to have been the main reason for switching May Day celebrations from the Kafr el-Dawar industrial area near Alexandria to Suez.

Observers here recalled that the Egyptian press first reported that the celebrations would take place in Kafr el-Dawar, and a few days later said it was decided to switch them to Suez, at the southern entrance of the Suez Canal, "so that the workers can see the progress achieved in the reconstruction efforts in the Suez Canal area."

Fahmi told "Akhbar el-Yom" that the accused, western desert tribesmen, confessed that they were instructed to carry out "big sabotage acts" in both Beheira and Alexandria provinces. Some of them planted a number of time bombs in factories and petrol stations, Fahmi said. He added that the aim was to "kill the largest possible number of citizens and workers and to confuse the May 15th celebrations."

May 15 was labelled here the "corrective revolution" after President Sadat's unmasking of a plot to topple him by former aides in 1971.

The newspaper said the accused confessed that at the last minute they snatched the fuses of the bombs to prevent them from exploding, contrary to the orders they received from Libyan intelligence. It added that these defused bombs were found beside one of the factories in Beheira province.

The official Libyan news agency Arna in Tripoli Friday said the Egyptian allegations were completely unfounded.

But the Beirut magazine "Al-Hadaf," published by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, quoted Gaddafi on Friday as urging Egyptian workers, farmers and students to revolt against Sadat's government. (Reuter)

House approves funds to protect U.S. weapons

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. House of Representatives approved a bill on Friday to spend $3.3b. on improving American military bases and protecting nuclear weapons from possible terrorist attacks.

Most of the money is earmarked for domestic bases.

But the bill provides for more than $65m. to boost security for nuclear weapons outside the U.S. The $65m. will buy floodlighting, fencing and alarm systems to prevent possible theft of nuclear weapons by international terrorist groups. The location of the sites involved was kept secret. (Reuter)

Kissinger, Giscard discuss Middle East

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing reviewed the Middle East during a 90-minute breakfast meeting at the Elysee Palace here on Friday. Kissinger said afterwards that they had "just discussed the situation in a general way," and refused to confirm that he had talked to Giscard about the possibility of sending French troops to Lebanon.

The Secretary of State said any specific measures to be taken in Lebanon by outside countries "will involve further discussions. So we did not discuss any precise projects."

STABBING SPREE. — A butcher ran amok in a Zurich supermarket yesterday, fatally stabbing two fellow employees and seriously injuring two others before being overpowered, police said.

Snub to Katzir highlights French public's indifference to Israel

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Israel's declining popularity in France has been highlighted by the quickly quelled storm-in-a-teacup over President Ephraim Katzir's cancelling a projected visit in response to a stinging diplomatic snub by French president Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

Although the local press lost no time in exposing the transparent pretexts produced by French officialdom to justify Giscard's refusal to invite Katzir to lunch, no leading political figures took the stand to berate Giscard for his discourtesy. Likewise there have been no protests in Paris against the French government's moves to block plans by the Common Market to include Israel in a package of aid to Mediterranean countries.

Although French public opinion's disenchantment with Israel dates back before the Yom Kippur War, the Arab oil embargo quickly eroded the few remnants of sympathy. According to opinion polls published by newspapers and newsmagazines, Israel had the support of 68 per cent of the French immediately after its 1967 victory. Support dropped to 35 per cent after the Israeli commando raid on Beirut Airport in 1969, and by 1974 Israel could count on only 6.8 per cent of "very favourable" and 29.2 per cent of "favourable" backers, making a total of 36 per cent.

Simultaneously, the French government policy mustered wider backing. Six months after the Six Day War, 30 per cent of the country approved General Charles de Gaulle's Middle East policy, while 33 per cent disapproved. By the time of the Yom Kippur War 60 per cent favoured the government's so-called "neutral" attitude while 12 per cent urged support for Israel and 12 per cent for the Arabs.

The French attitude towards Israel can be more closely analysed from the epithets used to describe the Jewish state by the student population. The dominating characteristic of Israel is "religious," according to an overwhelming 83 per cent, followed by "capitalist" in the view of 58 per cent.

In 1971 Israel was considered "democratic" by 65 per cent of French students. But only 46 per cent made the same judgment two years later.

"Bellicose" was the adjective that 27 per cent of the students most favoured in 1971, and 36 per cent in 1973. "Racist," used by 40 per cent in 1971, slipped down to 35 per cent by 1973.

Around the world

Amin frees British engineer

LONDON. — British engineer Thomas Webb, jailed for a month in Uganda for possessing foreign newspapers and an air pistol, arrived here yesterday after being freed and deported. He said his experience was "right out of Alice in Wonderland."

Webb, 54, who works for East African Airways, told reporters he believed Ugandan President Idi Amin intervened to secure his release. He was arrested April 8 in Kampala.

"I have since learned that one of my juniors who did not like me was the reason for my arrest," said Webb, who has spent 13 years in East Africa. (AP)

Man charged in Panagoulis death

ATHENS. — A 31-year-old shopowner was charged yesterday with the homicide by negligence of liberal politician Alexandros Panagoulis.

Panagoulis, 37, who became an anti-junta resistance hero when he tried to assassinate dictator George Papadopoulos in 1968, died in a car crash last Saturday.

Michael Stefas stepped forward two days after the crash and said he was involved in the accident. He said that Panagoulis's car skidded on the wet road, bumped into his own car and smashed against a wall. Stefas has been released pending his trial, a police spokesman said. He faces up to eight years' imprisonment on charges of manslaughter, abandoning his victim, and using false licence plates.

Meanwhile, the Justice department has ordered a full inquiry into the death, reacting to charges from opposition party leaders of foul play. (Reuter, AP)

Brezhnev promoted to marshal

MOSCOW. — Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev was promoted yesterday to the military rank of marshal, with the accolade that his name and world peace were inseparable.

The promotion, announced by the official news agency Tass, was seen as confirming Brezhnev, 69, as the Soviet Union's supreme authority in military affairs as well as in the civilian administration.

Only Josef Stalin held a higher rank. He was a generalissimo. (Reuter)

Mozambique minister stabbed

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa. — Mozambique Interior Minister Armando Guebuza was stabbed and seriously wounded by bodyguards of President Samora Machel at a meeting of the government's central committee, the "Rand Daily Mail" reported on Friday.

The newspaper, quoting reliable sources in Maputo, said the 32-year-old minister made threats during an argument over Machel's scheduled state visit to the Soviet Union. Machel ordered his bodyguards to overpower the minister, who received stab wounds while resisting them, the report said.

Machel's visit to the Soviet Union, scheduled later this month, is said to be regarded by some influential members of the Mozambique Government as the final move to turn the country into a Russian satellite. (AP)

Algerians jail French engineers

MEDEA, Algeria. — Two French engineers accused of economic espionage were jailed on Friday by the Algerian State Security Court.

An Algerian employee of the State Steel Company, tried in his absence, was sentenced to death. Three other defendants in the case — a Briton, a Frenchman, and a Tunisian — were acquitted.

They were found guilty of "economic espionage with extenuating circumstances" last year when their firm, registered in France, was trying to win a contract to extend rail facilities in eastern Algeria, to serve the nearby El Hadjar Steel Works.

In court, both Frenchmen retracted statements they had made to an investigating magistrate that they had links with the French secret service. They claimed that the statements had been made under constraint. (Reuter)

Spain moves toward reform

MADRID. — Spain's cabinet has approved constitutional reforms proposed by Premier Carlos Arias — including plans for a bicameral parliament with a lower house elected by universal suffrage and partially-elected upper house.

The reforms approved by the cabinet on Friday also include a change in the succession law to permit King Juan Carlos' son, eight-year-old Felipe, to ascend the throne at age 18, or either of his two sisters in case of the prince's death.

Both the constitutional reforms and change in the succession must be ratified by the conservative-controlled Cortes, the current one-house parliament, then go to a national referendum in October. (AP)

Kidnappers free pasta king

MILAN, Italy. — Guido Fioravanti, Milan's pasta king, was released Thursday night after spending two months in the hands of kidnappers. His family reportedly paid $1.56m. for his freedom despite police efforts to bar payment.

Police last month had seized $740,000 in banknotes they said Fioravanti's relatives had prepared for the ransom. They said the family apparently established new contacts with the abductors and succeeded in handing them the ransom for the 62-year-old industrialist.

Fioravanti was one of 17 persons abducted in Italy this year and one of five kidnapped in Milan.

Milan investigators have ordered banks to report any drawings of large sums by relatives of kidnap victims in an effort to make the crime less attractive to bandits. (AP)

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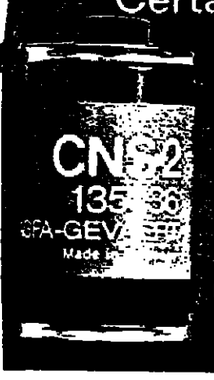

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Helena Rubinstein Pavilion, 6 Rehov Tarsat
★ Art and Psychopathology, opening on Thursday, May 13, at 7 p.m. (by invitation only)
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CONCERTS
Tuesday, May 11, 8.30 p.m.
Piano Recital — Vera Lengyel
Programme: Mozart — Adagio (K.540), Variations (K.613), Rondo (K.494); Avidom — Inventions (1973, Premiere performance); Gilboa — Toccata (1975, Premiere performance); Bartok — Colinde, Rondo, Bulgarian Dances.
Saturday, May 15, 8.30 p.m.
An Evening of Brahms
Jonathan Zak — piano, Uri Pianka — violin, Daniel Benjamini — viola, Simcha Cheled — cello.
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EXHIBIT OF THE MONTH
Bullae, used for sealing papyrus documents, including seal impression of "Berachia son of Neriahu," who served as scribe of prophet Jeremiah, gift of Dr. Reuben Hecht, Haifa
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Betar trounces Hapoel, 4-1, in Jerusalem derby

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Jerusalem Betar yesterday shot their way back into second place in the National League with a 4:1 home win over Jerusalem Hapoel. Betar are now four points behind the leaders, Beersheba Hapoel, who drew 1:1 against Haifa Maccabi in Haifa.

With ten points still at stake to the end of the National League season, Jerusalem Betar and Haifa Hapoel still entertain hopes, however, of overhauling the Negev team, which has been dropping points recently.

At the other end of the table, with four clubs due for relegation at the end of this season, at least 10 teams are in the danger zone. Only Ramat Amidar Maccabi, who lost 0:2 to Tel Aviv Betar yesterday, are certain to drop out. This was Tel Aviv Betar's fourth consecutive victory since Reuven Young took over as coach last month, and have lifted the club to 5th place in the league.

Ramat Gan Hakoah have also shown marked improvement in the last month. They have not conceded a goal in their last five games, and yesterday beat Tel Aviv Maccabi by 1:0. Tel Aviv Hapoel won by the same score against Jaffa Maccabi. Holon Hapoel returned to top the League "A" Southern Division after a 2:1 win over Lod Hapoel, as last week's leaders Yahud Hapoel faltered badly with a 1:2 home defeat by Beit Shemesh Hapoel.

Acre Hapoel, who did not play yesterday, still lead the Northern Division, but only two points now separate them from second placed Netanya Betar, who beat Netanya Hapoel 1:0.

Eight thousand at the Kiryat Eliezer stadium saw Haifa Maccabi outplay league champions Beersheba Hapoel in the first half. The Negev defence was scrappy and their forwards lacked punch. Yoram Maman gave Haifa Maccabi the lead in the 20th minute after a goalmouth melee.

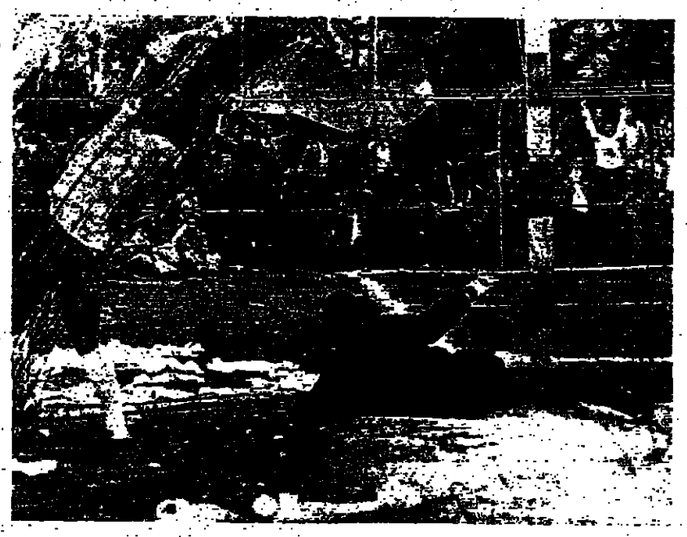
In the second half, Haifa Maccabi inexplicably drew into a defensive shell, hoping to hold onto their lead. Beersheba, allowed to attack incessantly, levelled the score through Moshe Abugsir, who tapped a rebound from the Haifa crossbar after a shot by Meir Harad.

Ten thousand at the Bloomfield stadium saw Ramat Amidar look every inch as good as Tel Aviv Betar, but their individual skills could not blend effectively to produce goals. Betar, on the other hand, snapped up their chances, and Moshe Lehrman headed them into the lead in the 72nd minute. A minute before the final whistle a free kick taken by Shraga Toponasky from 16 metres hit a Ramat Amidar defender and was deflected past goalkeeper Shlomo Nordman.

At the same ground, a goal by Moshe Mordekowitz after 15 minutes put paid to Jaffa Maccabi. A free kick by Feigenbaum hit the bar and rebounded, for Mordekowitz to place the ball into the net. Tel Aviv Hapoel called the tune in the first half, with Rafat Turk the outstanding player on the side. In the second half, Jaffa Maccabi pressed for the equalizer, but failed to beat the Hapoel defence.

In Netanya, the local Maccabi never played an indifferent game, with their three strikers, Spiegler, Machness and Lavie, closely marked by the Petah Tikva Hapoel defence. Machness and Lavie muffed good scoring opportunities, while at the other end Schweitzer and Shmuler could have netted for Petah Tikva Hapoel. Four thousand saw a scoreless draw.

Missed chances was also the tale of woe for Petah Tikva Maccabi, who drew 1:1 against Haifa Hapoel.



Hapoel custodian Haim Levin sprawls after a futile dive in an attempt to stop Victor Levi from scoring Betar's first goal in the Jerusalem derby yesterday. Exulting at left, Betar striker Shlomo Jarbi, who followed the ball into the net. (AP)

MATCH OF THE WEEK:

J'lem classic decided in first 15 minutes of play

By YARON KENAN

A picture of abject misery — the face of Hapoel's veteran goalie Haim Levin as he was pulled out of the game in the 15th minute with his team trailing Betar by two goals — told the whole story of the thrill-a-minute Jerusalem derby yesterday.

Playing before an overflow crowd of 9,000, Betar thoroughly merited the 4-1 victory, gained in a fiercely-paced match. The exciting derby atmosphere was further sharpened by some clever and aggressive football on both sides.

Fielding a team without two of their stalwarts, Turgeman and Azulai, Hapoel opened nervously on Betar's YMCA pitch before the fiercely partisan crowd. The home side surged into the attack from the opening whistle, displaying convincing superiority and taking four shots at the Hapoel citadel within the first five minutes of play.

Hapoel was dangerous on the break, however, and after Abuzaglio broke through with a sprint on the right flank, might have moved into a surprise lead with a less timid striker than Ben-Rimoj. Ali Othman appeared impenetrable in the centre of Hapoel's defence, but received little support.

Within seven minutes of kickoff the stadium erupted in a mighty roar as Victor Levi, 16 metres out and unmarked, beat a hesitant Haim Levi with a fell-judged drive just inside the right post.

Betar forwards were now potting the citadel from all ranges. Neuman spun a left-footer just wide, but minutes later initiated a beautiful pass through to Avrahami, and the young left-winger's impeccable first-timer gave Levin no chance.

The Hapoel custodian shortly after pulled off a fine save as he palmed a free-kick to safety, but by then he had lost the confidence of his coach, who replaced him with Tubas.

At the other end, brimming with confidence, goalie Mizrahi was untroubled by a Barashi drive, and dived bravely at the Hapoel forward's feet to retrieve a dangerous long throw-in from fullback Zacharia.

The action was furious all along. In the 20th minute Hapoel found the net but Ben-Rimoj was ruled offside. They protested, but with little conviction, for the linesman had his flag up long before. Ben-Rimoj headed the ball in. Abuzaglio was menacing on the right, and five minutes later Betar had a lucky escape. Mizrahi allowed Ben-Rimoj to chase a ball down the left which the keeper had thought would go over the byline. When the centre was scooped back into the middle, Ben-David made contact but was a hairbreadth over the bar with his header. Jarbi might have made it 3-0, but he drove a first timer high into the crowd.

At the outset of the second half, Hapoel looked no better than they had at the opening of the match — untidy in defence and tardy in attack. Gradually, however, they began to settle down, and easily had as much of the game as their opponents, initialling forays on both flanks in an effort to narrow the gap.

Twelve minutes into the half Barashi lofted a free kick into the goal area. Othman, whose head had done so much in defence, passed to Ben-David, but he was too far out to penetrate with his own header, and Mizrahi had time to get squarely behind the ball. Ben-Rimoj next narrowly missed a direct free-kick after he had been upended by Janno.

Despite the intense rivalry, there was little rough play, and referee Ashkenazi had no difficulty at this stage keeping relaxed control.

Victor Levi and Neuman were doing a magnificent job for Betar in midfield, but Tubas was their match with a couple of fine diving saves.

Twenty minutes from finish the game was sewn up when the ever-trying Avrahami gave Jarbi a great chance, and the stocky centre-forward made it three nil with a neat oblique header.

The Betar fans were now singing full voice. Some were gracious enough to applaud a flying save by Tubas, but for the most part they hurled taunts at Hapoel. The pressure took its toll. Barashi drew a warning for a cruel foul, and several players became involved in a ruckus. Hapoel defender Hadad was given marching orders apparently for an indiscreet remark to Ashkenazi.

This one blemish notwithstanding, the game remained as exciting as ever and Betar attacked with a brilliance which makes them such a delightful team to watch. Malmilian was only just wide with two tremendous shots.

Surprisingly, though, it was Hapoel who got the next goal, again an opportunist effort from the league's leading goalgetter, Avraham Ben-David, blasted in a scorcher off the post from 22 metres. A consolation goal only but tribute to Hapoel's ceaseless efforts.

In the last minute, Malmilian combined with Yishi for the latter to score Betar's fourth tally.

STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE (after 29 games)

	W	D	L	G	Pts
1. Beersheba Hapoel	13	11	5	35:27	37
2. Jerusalem Betar	9	15	5	41:29	33
3. Haifa Hapoel	11	11	7	24:18	33
4. Jerusalem Hapoel	12	8	9	37:29	32
5. Tel Aviv Betar	10	11	8	24:25	31
6. Kfar Sava Hapoel	9	12	8	31:24	30
7. Tel Aviv Maccabi	11	8	10	32:29	30
8. Tel Aviv Hapoel	10	10	9	21:22	30
9. Netanya Maccabi	11	7	11	46:37	29
10. Shimshon	7	15	7	33:32	29
11. Haifa Maccabi	9	13	8	22:24	29
12. Hakoah	8	13	8	28:28	29
13. Petah Tikva Maccabi	9	10	10	31:31	28
14. Petah Tikva Hapoel	8	12	9	24:26	28
15. Jaffa Maccabi	7	13	9	34:29	27
16. Hadera Hapoel	6	13	10	19:30	25
17. Bnei Yehuda	9	12	11	26:36	24
18. Ramat Amidar	4	10	15	15:31	18

LEAGUE "A" SOUTH LEADERS (after 27 games)

1. Holon Hapoel	15	7	5	40:20	37
2. Yahud Hapoel	12	10	4	34:17	36
3. Shaaraym Mac. (26)	13	9	6	27:22	35
4. Rishon Lezion Hap.	12	10	5	38:17	34
5. Ashdod Hapoel	10	11	6	29:22	31

LEAGUE "A" NORTH LEADERS (after 27 games)

1. Acre Hapoel	13	6	4	41:16	41
2. Netanya Betar	15	9	3	37:16	39
3. Ramat Gan Hapoel	14	10	3	38:12	38
4. Hadera Maccabi	13	9	5	32:25	35
5. Heraliya Mac. (26)	9	14	5	27:20	32
6. Netanya Hap. (26)	11	9	6	47:26	29

RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Netanya Maccabi 0, Petah Tikva Hapoel 0; Jerusalem Betar 4, Jerusalem Hapoel 1; Petah Tikva Maccabi 1, Haifa Hapoel 1; Tel Aviv Betar 2, Ramat Amidar 0; Hadera Hapoel 1, Kfar Sava Hapoel 1; Hakoach 1, Tel Aviv Maccabi 0; Tel Aviv Hapoel 1, Jaffa Maccabi 0; Bnei Yehuda 1, Shimshon 1; Haifa Maccabi 1, Beersheba Hapoel 1.

LEAGUE "A" SOUTH

Hashikma Maccabi 2, Shaaraym Maccabi 0; Beer Yaacov Hapoel 1, Rishon Lezion Hapoel 1; Dimona Hapoel 2, Ramle Hapoel 0; Ramle Betar 0, Bat Yam Hapoel 0; Yahud Hapoel 1, Beit Shemesh Hapoel 2; Holon Hapoel 2, Lod Hapoel 1; Ashdod Hapoel 1, Marmorek Hapoel 2; Jaffa Betar 2, Ashdod Betar 0.

LEAGUE "A" NORTH

Hadera Maccabi 2, Herzliya Hapoel 0; Kiryat Shmonah Hapoel 1, Nahliel Hapoel 0; Mahane Yehuda Hapoel 4, Nahariya Hapoel 1; Tel Hanan Hapoel 0, Kiryat Ata Hapoel 0; Nazareth Hapoel 4, Tirat Hacarmel Hapoel 2; Netanya Hapoel 0, Netanya Betar 1; Safad Hapoel 1, Ramat Gan Hapoel 2; Tiberias Hapoel 1, Heraliya Maccabi 1.

N. Koreans, Iran share Gold Cup

BANGKOK. — Defending co-champion Iran and North Korea battled to a scoreless tie in the final of the 18th Asian Youth Soccer Tournament last night and shared this year's $40,000 Gold Cup.

Israel, which was kept out of the tournament, had won the cup four years in succession: in 1974, when it shared the trophy with Iran, and in 1965, 1966 and 1967. (AP)

Pre-Olympics:

Italy wins, Israel 4th in hoop play

EDINBURGH. — Italy won the European pro-Olympic basketball tournament here yesterday by beating favoured Yugoslavia, 84-79, in the final, while Israel finished fourth after a thrilling play-off with Poland.

Poland squeezed into third place by a 93-81 margin, with their captain Jurkiewicz doing most of the damage. He scored 31 points to total 117 from his five matches.

Israel, who leave soon for a three-week tour of the U.S. before going on to Canada, for the final qualifying tournament, failed to produce the basketball that almost gave them victory over Italy yesterday.

Their captain, Tal Brody, who needed attention afterwards for a cut forehead, was the mainspring of the Israeli attack. He combined superbly with Itamar Marzel and Mordechai Aroesty, whose surging bursts often caught the Polish defence flat-footed.

Brody finished top scorer for Israel with 14 points, closely followed by the tireless Shmuel Avissar with 13 and Marzel with 12.

Victor Moskovitz, who injured a thigh against the Italians on Friday, was used sparingly by coach Abraham Hamo, scoring only one basket.

On Friday night, Israel lost to Italy, 66-80, in a bruising match. Israel held the powerful Italians until the last five minutes, but the pressure finally told the Italians managed to win through to the final.

Israel, with Itamar Mazel controlling the middle of the court, seemed likely to pull off shock results when they recovered from a 37-42 halftime deficit to level at 49-49.

But Italy, the second favourites, edged ahead with Marzorati beginning to find a way through the resolute Israeli defence.

Israel's hopes finally faded when they accumulated 10 team fouls with only nine minutes remaining. This gave the Italians two free throws every time Israel fouled and Iellini took full advantage.

As the Italian tempers frayed, Israel suffered two casualties.

(Reuter)

Italy's Meneghin (No. 11) gets a palm in to block Kaplan's bid for the basket, as the Romans rallied to beat the Israeli quint in the pre-Olympic series in Edinburgh on Friday. (AP)

5 named to Israel Olympic squad

TEL AVIV. — Five sportsmen, besides the national soccer team, are already assured of berths in Israel's Olympic squad for the Montreal games.

The "Montreal Committee of the Israel Olympic Committee and Sports Federation" on Friday named sprinter Esther Roth, wrestler Rami Meron, weightlifter Edward Weitz, marksman Michal Kaufman and judoist Yona Melnik to the team. This will be Roth's second olympics, and she will run the sprints and hurdle events.

Rami Meron, 18, and 29-year-old Edward Weitz, a lightweight (64 kg.) lifter, are recent immigrants from Russia. Yona Melnik is currently participating in the world judo championships in Kiev.

The Montreal Committee will meet again in two weeks and may name additional athletes for the team.

Scots blank Irish for second win

LONDON. — Scotland followed up their 3-1 defeat of Wales on Thursday by beating Northern Ireland 3-0 at Sunny Hampden Park in Glasgow yesterday in their second match in the British soccer championship.

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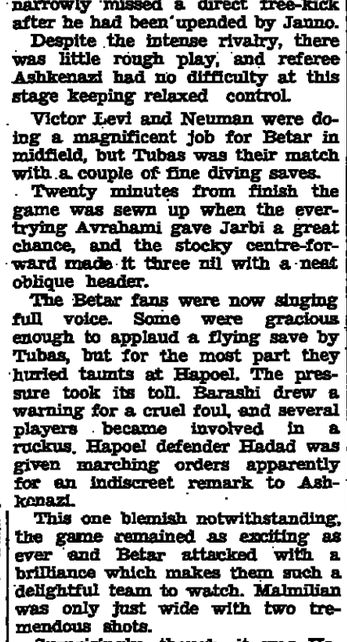

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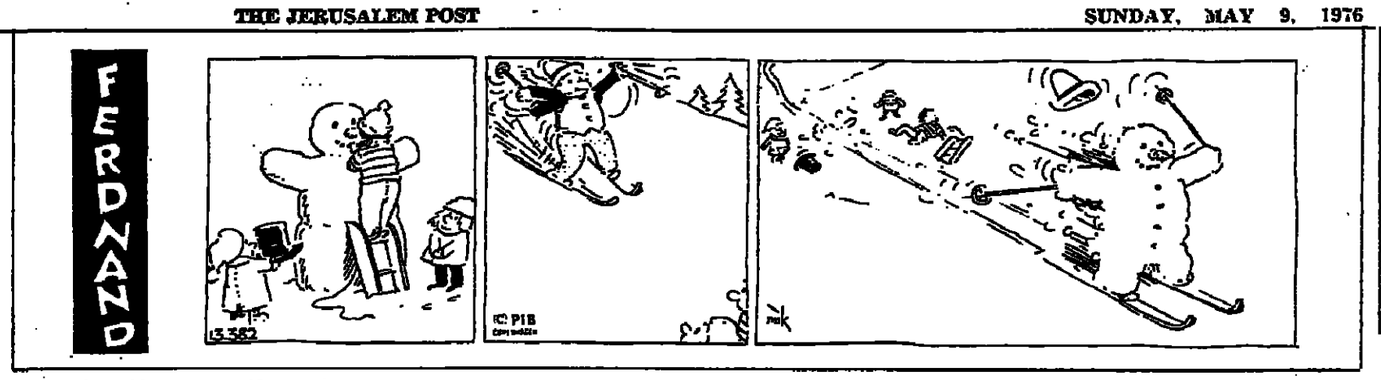

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JERUSALEM
4, 6.45, 9

ARNON: Flock; CHEN: Jaws; EDEN: Jaws; EDISON: Dirtlis, 4, 7, 9; JERUSALEM: The Sunshine Boys; HABIRAH Carmen Baby; MITCHELL: Only Today 7, 9; ORGIL: A Window to the Sky; ORION: The Sellout; ORNA: Confessions of a Pop Performer; RON: 3 Days of the Condor, 4, 7, 9.15; SEMADAR: The Dirty Innocents, 7, 9.15.

TEL AVIV
4.30, 7.15, 9.30

ALLENBY: Jaws, 4.30, 7, 9.30; BEN YEHUDA: The Sellout; CHEN: Jaws, 4.30, 7, 9.30; CINEMA ONE: Red Baron; CINEMA TWO: The Graduate, 10, 12, 2, 7.15, 9.30; CINERAMA: Only Today; DEKEL: West Side Story; DRIVE-IN: Ory Onion, 7.15, 9.30; ESTHER: Le Gitan; GAT: The Girl From Petrovka; GORDON: And Then There Were None; HOD: Bloody; LIMOR: Sunshine; MAXIM: Confession of a Milkman; MOGRABI: The Man Who Would Be King; OPHIR: Clockwork Orange 7, 9.30; ORLY: La Rivale; PARIS: Sweet Movie, 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; PEER: 3 Days of the Condor; RAMAT AVIV: Caravan to Vaccares 7.15, 9.30, Wed. 4.30; ROYAL: Autumn Love; STUDIO: The Magic Flute, 6.30, 9.15; TEL AVIV: Lucky Lady; TCHELET: A Day At The Races; ZAFON: Pas De Probleme

HAIFA
4, 6.45, 9

AMPHITHEATRE: Revolver; ARMON: Jaws, 4, 6.30, 9; ATEMON: White Line Fever; CHEN: Exodus, 4, 8; MIRON: Confessions of a Pop Performer; MORIAH: La Nuit Americaine, 6.45, 9; ORDAN: A Father's Love; ORAH: Ace Up My Sleeve; ORION: Hot Acts of Love; ORLY: The Happy Hooker; PEER: Only Today; RON: Three Days of the Condor; SHAVIT: Caravan to Vaccares 6.45, 9.

RAMAT GAN
ARMON: The Sunshine Boys, 4, 7.15, 9.30; HADAR: Profumo Di Donna, 7.15, 9.30 Mat. Arizona Colt, 4; LILI: The Romantic Englishwoman, 7.15, 9.30; OASIS: The Passenger, 4, 7.15, 9.30; ORDEA: White Line Fever, 7.15, 9.30; RAMA: Anita; RAMAT GAN: Lucky Lady, 7.15, 9.30.

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NETANYA
ESTHER: Rollerball, 4.30, 7, 9.15

ON THE AIR

First Programme
8.10 Morning concert — Haydn: Symphony No.52 in C minor; Debussy: Fantasy for Piano and Orchestra (Aldu Ciccolini) 9.00 Brahms: Vocal Quartets after texts by Goethe, Schiller and Folksongs (Greg Smith); Quintet in F minor, opus 34 (Andre Previn with the Yale Quartet)
10.05 Notes on a new book
10.45 Lesson in spoken Arabic
11.35 Balakirev: "Islamey"; Prokofiev: Toccata for Piano; Chopin: Scherzo; Brahms: Intermezzo; Ravel: "Jeux d'eau"
12.05 James Rafael, piano — Bach-Busoni: Chaconne in D minor; Schoenberg: Three Pieces, opus 11; Liszt: "Liebestraum" and Caprice No.2 (after Paganini); Chopin: Ballada No.1 in G minor
13.05 Noon Concert — Bach: Toccata and Fugue in D minor; Corelli: Violin Sonata; Loeillet: Dance Suite; Vivaldi: Sonata for Recorder; Bach: Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor
15.05 Fateful Decisions — on the proclamation of the State of Israel with Dr. Michael Bar-Zohar, Dr Amitzur Ilan, Gavriel Cohen (repeat)
16.10 (Stereo): Beethoven: Mass in C Major, opus 86
17.10 (Stereo): "Musica Viva" — Israel Sommer: Sonata for Violin and Piano; Jan Rodzinsky: Duo; Pisa One: "Sounds I Love"
17.40 Music Quiz (repeat)
18.06 Middle East Crossroads — political commentary
19.00 People and events in the news
19.30 Economics and business
19.50 Bible Reading: Psalms 35, 36
20.05 Gold Watch Club — programme on the world of retirement
21.06 (Stereo): Opera — Gluck: "Orfeo ed Euridice" (with Marilyn Horne, Pillar Loringar, Helen Donath-George Solti conducting) (until 24.00)

Second Programme
14.10 Popular songs
15.05 Foreign language popular songs (until 18.00)
18.05 Sephardi songs
21.06 Talent Scouts — new performers (live)
22.05 Personal Story — Prof. Yuri Miloslavsky, musicology and folklore researcher at the Hebrew University tells of his experiences in Cairo
23.05 Open Door — Ehud Manor emcees programme of songs and entertainment. Guests include: Sandra Johnson, Jimmy Lloyd, Reimda (until 1.00)

Army Radio
7.05 On drivers and traffic: reports from police positions, features on transportation, quizzes, information and tours of the country
12.05 Songs of the Theatre Chorus Quartet; short talks
13.05 High Noon — two performing groups challenge each other in popularity poll among listeners
14.05 Sports magazine (until 16.00)
16.05 Songs and comedy skits by request
18.25 Programme announcements
18.30 Magazine on man and his environment. Discussion on private tutoring for high-school students and on living conditions in deprived neighbourhoods of Ramle
19.05 Selections from past radio programmes
20.05 Classical and light music 21.05 Programme on the different seasons in Israel (repeat)
22.05 Modern music
23.05 A hike to the Christian Quarter — Dr. Ephraim Ben-Eliahu follows Jesus' footsteps to the Via Dolorosa
00.05 Night birds — classical music with Ram Evron (until 2.00)

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10.15-10.35; 11.15-11.35 Programmes for Schools.
13.55 Music programme announcements.
14.10 Stories for children.
18.55 Notes on agriculture.
21.05 A moment for Hebrew grammar.
00.10 A moment of poetry.

Second Programme
6.00 Prayer and Mishna reading.
6.10 Gymnastics.
6.55 Programme announcements.
6.59 A moment for Hebrew grammar.
7.35 Popular tunes (until 10.00).
7.55 Driving tips.
10.05 Here at Home — songs, interviews on topics assumed to be of interest to women.
12.05 Productive Pace — for workers and employers.
13.30 Hebrew songs and comedy skits.
15.52 On Jews and Judaism
18.45 Today's sports.
21.05 A point of Hebrew Grammar.

Army Radio
5.03 Popular music (until 6.55).
5.58 Prayer.
6.55 Gymnastics.
7.05 Songs and messages from soldiers (until 10.00).
10.05 Popular music (until 12.00).
01.50 Bedtime Story.

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00.30 (Third) 30 min.

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18.05 (Fourth) 5 min.
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Speeding up the work of nature

In horticulture, as in any other commercial enterprise, time is money, and the quicker you can produce your parent plants the more you are likely to prosper. Joan Borsten describes a new method of plant propagation that is already being used successfully in this country.

Shimon Zakai, with a dwarf citrus plant in the Rosh Hanikra greenhouse. (Judah Passow)

IF YOU'VE EVER learned any botany, you'll remember that plants have two ways of propagating themselves. One is sexual or *gametic*. The plant's male and female organs produce a fertilized egg which develops into a new plant whose features resemble those of the parents. The other way is vegetative or *somatic* — the plant puts out shoots or suckers which form new plants, each identical to the parent.

When a commercial grower finds a perfect plant, he obviously wants to duplicate it and ensure that the rest of his stock will be of the same high quality. If that plant happens to be a pineapple, an orchid, or a banana plant, and he leaves the process to nature, he's in trouble. Gametic propagation is quick, but no two offspring are alike. Somatic propagation, the obvious answer, is accurate but slow — by natural methods only two or three plants per year are produced in this fashion.

So the grower turns to modern science, which of course, has found a way to improve on nature. This is described as "the tissue culture method of mass producing identical plants in a short period of time."

Scientific laboratories all over the world are researching this method, and several commercial labs are turning theory into practice. One of the latter is the Rahan Meristem Propagation Nurseries at Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra. It opened its doors 18 months ago in cooperation with the Volcani Institute of Agricultural Research at Rehovot, which passed along the basic knowledge. Shimon Zakai and Uri Levanoni, two Tel Avivians turned kibbutzniks who have been studying at the Hebrew University, adopted the new method for use in this country, introducing several important innovations. They have already given the lab a reputation for top efficiency at low prices.

The process begins when an Israeli grower who has, let's say, 100,000 different pineapple plants, selects the best five. He brings them to the Rosh Hanikra labs. Shimon and Uri happen to know a great deal about pineapples, but if one of the five is a variety they have never worked with, some experimenting will have to be done, because every plant demands slightly different conditions.

In a 100 per cent sterile laboratory, Shimon, Uri or members of the staff remove the *meristeme epics* (points) from the "parent" pineapple plants. They put them into test tubes containing an artificial medium of agar-agar, vitamins, chemicals, and some of the hormones a plant needs (those missing are the ones which cause a plant to root). The concentration of these nutrients is as complex as the pineapples can take, and requires them to exert as little energy as possible. Approximate time: four weeks.

When the plants increase in size, they are put into Stewart bottles (which look like little sputniks) with a new medium. The bottles are loaded *onto* a special machine which rotates them at regulated intervals between artificial sunlight and artificial darkness. This rotation process breaks down the pineapple plant's centre of gravity, causing buds to appear in all directions. Each plant has now produced five to ten new plants. Approximate time: two weeks.

Then, in the same liquid, but transferred to foil-covered beakers, the plants are put through a shaking process. This breaks down the 50 pineapple plants into 300. Approximate time: three weeks.

The 300 plants are now divided among 50 juice jars. Each is shaken a bit more until it contains 200-300 potential pineapple plants. Approximate time: 10 days.

The plants are transferred to another set of juice jars, this time containing the rooting and growth hormones originally excluded. They are left to mature. Approximate time: two months.

Finally, the plants are transferred to styrofoam cartons, which are left outdoors so that they can readjust to the "real world." Approximate time: One week.

The plants are now ready for delivery to the growers "We can produce 50,000 or more pineapple plants in a year or less," says Shimon. "Also, because the original sample was treated and made virus-free (and therefore no longer subject to mutations in colour, size and features), all the offspring will also be virus free, fungus free, and bacteria free. Many Israeli growers, whose problem is not slow propagation but infected plants, are also beginning to find their way to our labs. We offer them a unique service: first-generation virus-free plants.

"You see, plants such as carnations, lilies and chrysanthemums are very susceptible to virus. Traditional growing methods have always kept virus-free parent plants isolated in special greenhouses. Neither these nor the cuttings or second-generation plants are sold, they are used solely to provide offspring for nursery owners, who sell fourth and fifth generation plants. Because each succeeding generation is less free of virus, the commercial grower has always to be prepared to take a risk. We can give him plants which are 100 per cent virus-free, but they are bound to be reinfected once they are in the fields. He has to hope that by the time this happens — after 12 to 18 months — they will have given him a perfect crop."

The Rosh Hanikra team, which is still in its infancy, will soon double in size and move to new quarters. While concentrating on Israel's internal needs, they are also eyeing the export market. We're already supplying European nurseries with lily mother plants, which they will use to develop an expensive, virus-free stock, and we have begun exporting the dwarf citrus plants only one metre tall, which have been developed at the Volcani, as well as several kinds of orchids, chrysanthemums, banana plants — and pineapples."

WEEKLY WALL STREET

Market still stalled

NEW YORK. — The stock market remained stalled this past week while investors pursued a favourite pastime — Federal Reserve-watching.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks recorded a token decline of .63 to 996.22 with listless day-to-day moves of minus-6, plus-3, minus-7, plus-3 and plus-6.

Other indicators managed narrow gains, with Standard and Poor's 500-stock index rising .24 to 101.88 and the New York Stock Exchange Composite adding .15 to 54.26.

Big Board volume, at 81.39 million shares, was almost identical to the previous week's total of 81.34 million.

The primary issues on Wall Street were the Federal Reserve's plans for its monetary policy and the effects that policy might have on interest rates.

Traders seeking to monitor the Fed's actions kept a close watch all week on the rate on federal funds — money which banks borrow from one another overnight. Whenever the federal funds rate climbed to the 5 per cent level, stocks tended to decline amid talk of tighter money. And whenever it dropped back below that point, rallies sprang up.

The net result was not much more than a continuation of a neutral trend that has dominated the market for more than two months.

Texaco, the week's most active issue, lost ¼ to 26⅜.

White Motor was a notable loser, falling 2⅝ to 5⅛. Early in the week plans were dropped for a takeover of the company by White Consolidated Industries. (AP)

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Friday May 7, 1976

This selected list of stocks is based on final quotations.

Allied Chemical	39⅝	Union Carbide	71½
Aluminum Co.	51½	United Technologie	66⅜
American Brands	40⅜	U.S. Steel	82
American Can	33⅛	Westinghouse Elec.	15⅞
American Tel and Tel	57⅞	Woolworth	22⅞
Anaconda	24	Avon Prod	45½
Bethlehem Steel	41⅛	Boeing	32⅜
Chrysler	19½	Boise Cascade	26⅜
Dupont	151¾	Citicorp	34⅜
Eastman Kodak	105	Control Data	21⅜
Esmark Inc.	38¾	Disney	55⅝
Exxon	99¼	Dome Mines	42⅝
General Electric	52⅜	Fairchild Camera	42¼
General Foods	28⅞	General Dynamics	58⅞
General Motors	70½	IBM	250⅜
Goodyear	21⅜	Int. Tel. Tel	27
Inter. Harvester	28¼	LTV Corp	13⅜
Inter. Nickel	34½	McDonalds	63
Inter. Paper	73	Natl. Semiconductor	44⅜
Johns Manville	29¼	NCR Corp.	27¼
Owens-Illinois	60⅞	Polaroid	35⅝
Proctor and Gamble	90½	RCA Corp.	26⅛
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Arab spending in U.K.

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Arab tourists are expected to spend £200m. in London this year, in addition to the many millions of pounds regularly spent by Arab patients on private medical treatment in the British capital.

These figures were mentioned this week in a television report on the Arab financial influence in Britain and the Arab boycott.

The TV producers showed Wellington Hospital in central London, almost full of Arab patients and resembling a luxury hotel geared to Arab tastes. One of the patients is a paralysed soldier in the Oman army, whose treatment costs £40,000 a year.

By the end of 1974, the commentator reported, the Arabs had six billion pounds sterling in oil money deposited in London's financial market. "The Arabs kept Britain afloat," it was said. They have invested billions in buying up choice chunks of British real estate, including Tintagel House, which accommodates part of Scotland Yard, the British police headquarters.

The broadcast then focused on the Arab boycott, with Syrian Ambassador Adnan Omran and United Emirates Embassy counsellor Ghaith Armenazir saying that the boycott of Israel was a legitimate instrument of Arab defence against "Israeli aggression."

Israel's economic counsellor in London, Amos Lavie, advised his British audience that the Arabs would always respect resistance to the boycott for they needed Western equipment and know-how.

The TV commentator underlined this point when noting that although many companies went out of their way to be more submissive than necessary to the boycott, many firms traded both with Arabs and Israel.

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DUTIES OF A TEACHER

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Criminal Appeals
Before Justices Landau, Cohn and Shamgar.

Esther Elgabish, Appellant, v. State of Israel, Respondent
(Cr.A. 402/75)

THE JERUSALEM POST LAW REPORT
Edited by Doris Lankin

TEACHER RESPONSIBLE FOR PUPIL'S DEATH BY DROWNING

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a verdict of the Nazareth District Court delivered on January 28, 1973 (in Cr.A. 98/74).

The appellant, a teacher at the Leo Baeck School, Haifa, was in charge of her class of 14-year-old pupils on a school outing. The outing was due to conclude with a row on the lake of Galilee. When the owner of the rowing-boats expressed his reservations about the advisability of letting the children take out the boats on their own in the late afternoon as the wind was rising and the lake likely to become rough, the appellant persuaded him to agree to let the children take the boats out in order not to disappoint them.

During the course of the excursion on the waters the boys indulged in horseplay and one of the girls, who was in a boat in which there were only four girls, none of whom could row or steer properly, jumped into the water in her clothes in order to swim to the shore and escape the horseplay. She got into difficulties because of the strong current which had developed together with the rising wind and drowned.

The appellant was charged in the Magistrate's Court with causing the death of the girl through carelessness contrary to section 218 of the Criminal Code Ordinance, was found guilty and fined IL1000. Her appeal to the Nazareth District Court was dismissed, whereupon she appealed to the Supreme Court.

Dr. Schroeuer appeared for the appellant and Dr. Bernstein, Assistant State Attorney, for the State.

Judgment

Justice Shamgar who delivered the main opinion of the Supreme Court, Justice Landau concurring, first considered the appellant's argument that she had not been guilty of carelessness. The amount of care demanded from a person for purposes of criminal liability under section 218 of the Criminal Code, he noted, is the same as that laid down in section 35 of the Civil Wrongs Ordinance: that is, a person will be found guilty of an offence contrary to section *218 if he commits an act* which any reasonable and sensible person would not have committed in the same circumstances, and which causes the death of someone towards whom he had a duty to refrain from acting as he had (see Cr.A. 6/55, P.D. 9/1009).

The first question to be considered, therefore, continued Justice Shamgar, is whether the appellant had a duty towards the dead girl, and, if the answer be in the affirmative, whether she had fulfilled this duty. A teacher's duty to look after a pupil placed in his care can be classified, he went on to hold, as being identical with that of a parent. As to the magnitude of this duty, which can be defined as the exercise of supervision over the pupil in order to prevent him from being harmed himself or from harming others, it naturally changes in accordance with the circumstances and the age and characteristics of the pupil.

For example, the amount of supervision demanded from a teacher in the class-room is less than that demanded in the playground, while the amount of supervision required in the classroom is less than that on the beach, or while boating, with all its concomitant risks and dangers. And while it is true, he continued, that it is not the law that a schoolteacher must keep pupils under supervision during every moment of their school lives, nevertheless there is no doubt that when a teacher accompanies pupils to the sea, the closest supervision is demanded in order to ensure meticulous observance of safety instructions, and to forestall any possible horseplay and dangerous pranks.

It is the law in Israel, continued Justice Shamgar, that the duty to take care in the case of a person charged with criminal responsibility for the death of another is measured in accordance with the criterion of the "reasonable person" and not in accordance with the subjective standards of the accused; and in the present case any reasonable person could have been expected to know that rowing in the open sea is fraught with the dangers and temptations that 14-year-olds are not capable of handling or resisting, and to foresee the possibility of horseplay, forbidden swimming and inability to control the boat.

In the circumstances, therefore, the duty of the appellant in the present case had been twofold: to prevent her pupils from being exposed to danger and to keep close supervision over them while they were on the shore and in the boats. She had failed to carry out either of these requirements, and must therefore be held responsible for what had occurred.

Justice Shamgar then went on to consider the appellant's second argument: that the dead girl's disregard of the appellant's express prohibition against swimming constituted *novus actus interveniens* (intervention of a foreign factor) which had severed the connection between the appellant's carelessness and the girl's death. He was of the opinion, he held, that this argument could be dismissed out of hand because of the provisions of section 219(e) of the Criminal Code Ordinance, which provides that "a person is deemed to have caused the death of another person although his act or omission is not the immediate or not the sole cause of death, if the act or omission would not have caused death unless it had been accompanied by an act or omission of the person killed or of other persons." However, he continued, there is some difference of opinion among the Supreme Court justices as to whether section 219 may be invoked where causal connection is challenged by the accused (see Cr.A. 18/66, 2 P.D. 20/166). For that reason, therefore, he would, he said, discuss the appellant's argument on the basis of the doctrine of *novus actus interveniens*.

Justice Shamgar then went on to hold that the intervention of a foreign factor is not sufficient *per se* to sever the connection between the original wrongdoer's fault and the damage caused, when that damage should have been foreseen by the original wrongdoer.

In the case under consideration, concluded Justice Shamgar, the dead girl's behaviour, and the dangers inherent therein, could reasonably have been foreseen by the appellant, since she ought have known, amongst other things, that without proper supervision there would be a break-down in discipline.

The appeal should, therefore, be dismissed.

Justice Cohn

In concurring that the appeal should be dismissed, Justice Cohn had one observation to make: there was no difference of opinion, he said, on the question of whether the causal relationship between the act of the original wrongdoer and the damage is severed by the intervention of another factor, if that intervention be foreseeable. The only difference of opinion, if any, was on the question of what a reasonable person could be expected to foresee.

In the particular case under consideration, however, there was no doubt that the appellant could, and should, have foreseen that young boys and girls, left on their own, would run wild on a free day at the sea, and would even jump into the water against her express instructions. She could not therefore, evade responsibility by passing the buck to the children under her care.

Judgment given on April 5, 1976.

Defence Service Law 5719-1959

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Jul. 18, 1959	Aug. 2, 1959	May 25, 1976	Jul. 20, 1976
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Kaddum and consensus

THE CABINET debate on Kaddum and settlement policy in the territories is an example of the politics of polarization into which the Government is being forced by outside political forces beyond its control, at a critical period requiring a politics of consensus.

The background to the growing polarization which has led to today's debate involves the deliberate, long-term lack of clarity in regard to official policy on the fate of the territories which came under Israel control in the Six Day War. Two arguments were adduced at the time in support of this intentional vagueness: that it would be self-defeating and premature in advance of peace negotiations to reveal Israel's hand regarding eventual disposition of the territories, and that a clear policy decision by the Government would unnecessarily deepen the ideological and emotional rifts in the Israel body politic at a time when national unity was imperative.

The more immediate background concerns the unwillingness of the Cabinet to challenge the demonstrative Gush Emunim settlement fait accompli at Sebastia in Samaria last December. In the compromise, designed to gain time, the handful of Gush Emunim settlers were moved to the army base at Kaddum in the heartland of the Samaria mountains, as an interim measure. Prime Minister Rabin undertook to have the Cabinet take a final decision within three months.

In the intervening five months Gush Emunim and its open and covert supporters in the various political camps have sought to push the polarization of the issue even further. Their initiative has been reciprocated by growing elements in Mapam and the splinter groups on the far left. Both camps have held mass demonstrations in recent weeks which have shown that several tens of thousands of Israelis on both sides are the mainstay of the politics of polarization which is pressing the Government to opt for a radical stance in one direction or the other.

There is, however, good reason to believe, that most Israelis support a vaguer, unarticulated position that could, given resolute leadership, form the basis for a consensus politics of the mainstream. This position would insist on a continued Israeli presence in the territories as a military necessity, rather than for religious or ideological reasons.

The difference between this mainstream position and the more radical ones to either side of it is more than a question of semantics: it involves a cast of mind which is prepared to entertain considerations of political realism in determining Israel's policy stance in this most difficult of issues. Partners in this consensus include those "doves" who would insist on eventual return of the bulk of the territories to Arab self-government but who would object to doing so outside of, or prior to, an overall peace settlement. On the other side, it includes "hawks" who, while emotionally disposed to incorporate the territories into Israel, realistically admit the dangers to the State and its Jewish character that such a step would involve.

It is this mainstream consensus that should be clearly articulated and strengthened in the coming months during which increased pressures from Israel's friends are to be expected.

It is thus not enough for the Cabinet to try to defuse the explosive Kaddum issue in its deliberations today. What is needed is clarity about the priorities to be accorded to Israeli settlement. Policy and the steps to carry it out must now be clearly stated in order to serve as a focal point for developing a national consensus.

Politically, Prime Minister Rabin may confidently count on neither Mapam nor the NRP desiring the premature fall of his government. Both parties would stand in danger of losing strength if the country would go to early elections. The Prime Minister's main problem is getting his own Labour Party to overcome its internal factional and personal dissension and to coalesce around a consensus policy. He has spent close to two years avoiding pushing his party to such a decision. It is highly doubtful whether this decision can be put off for much longer.

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Egypt's intentions

DAVAR (Histadrut) says that the latest rapprochement between Egypt and the PLO does not seem to have been hindered by the fact that Egypt's orientation is pro-American while that of the PLO is anti-American. In the Middle East imbroglio such distinctions do not always reflect reality," hence the dangers inherent in a naive and simplistic reliance by Washington on its new-found friend in Cairo, whose long-range intentions should be examined more carefully.

"Will the U.S. learn a lesson from this latest development, or will it attempt to bridge the differences between Egypt and Syria by renewed pressure on Israel to make territorial concessions? In any event, Israel has done well to remind the U.S. that the Egyptian move to convene the UN Security Council to discuss the situation in the administered territories violated the spirit of the interim agreement."

HA'ARETZ (independent) takes issue with the Prime Minister's characterization of the phenomenon of emigration as a "a fall-out of weaklings. We do not want to sever our ties with these people, or eliminate the prospect of some of them returning. The policy of the government and the Jewish Agency is directed to this end, and the prime minister's epithet has had the effect of undermining that policy."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) says that the second report by the Barkai committee dealing with the salaries of engineers should receive a much calmer reception than the first. "The main reason is that, unlike the first report, it does not try to lay down the law in sensitive areas, and leaves many points open to negotiation between the engineers and their employers."

USTINOV AT THE PUSH BUTTON

Sweeping changes in the military-industrial complex of the Soviet Union may soon follow the appointment of Dimitri Ustinov, below, as the new Minister of Defence, writes Michael Checinski

THE APPOINTMENT of Dimitri Ustinov as the Soviet Union's new Minister of Defence, replacing the late Marshall Andrei Grechko, is in one respect something of a surprise. The Soviet defence portfolio has traditionally been the preserve of army generals and marshalls, and in the nearly 60 years of Soviet history only two civilians have occupied it. The first was Leon Trotsky, founder of the Red Army. The second was Nikolai Bulganin, who served as Defence Minister from 1947 to 1949, and again from 1953 to 1955.

There is thus reason to believe that the Ustinov appointment two weeks ago heralds some far-reaching changes. The question is, what kind?

Ustinov's entire professional career has been with the Soviet military industry, whose chief he was up to now. For 30 full years he surveyed the scene from a "commanding height" which served as a meeting point for the major ruling groups in the Soviet Union — the party, the military, the KGB, and industry itself. While busying himself with the development of the means of producing military hardware, Ustinov got to know personally all the top technical officers in the Soviet army, as well as the leading civilian engineers and managers engaged in work for the army. This managerial group today exerts great influence not only on military strategy, but on the entire economic and technical strategy of the Soviet Union.

The new Defence Minister is thus the man best suited to the task of coordinating the management of strategic policy and the development of heavy industry, with special emphasis on military industry. If one may project from Ustinov's past background into his future conduct, the following main changes should be expected to result from his appointment:

FIRST, there will be sweeping changes of personnel in the top command of the Soviet armed forces.

The leading Soviet officers, who won their spurs in World War II, are now approaching retirement age. They will be replaced by officers with little actual experience of warfare but with great technical and theoretical expertise. An army as dependent on modern technology as the Soviet must indeed give preference to officers who excel in their technological knowledge. Since this is precisely the group best known to Ustinov, he should have no difficulty finding in it suitable replacements for the old-timers whose time has come. Ustinov's first few months in office could produce a whole series of army retirements and promotions.

Secondly, there will be fewer bottlenecks in the process of satisfying the needs of the armed forces from the Soviet economy.

Throughout Soviet history, military and civilian managers have been in bitter conflict over their relative share in the national product. On the one hand, the defence establishment has been making repeatedly larger demands on the economy for more and better equipment for the army, even at the expense of the orderly running of industry and agriculture; on the other hand, the economy, overburdened as it already was with military orders, has all too often been unable to meet not only the rising expectations of ordinary citizens but also the demands of the generals.

Recently the export of Soviet arms has become one of the most important instruments of the Kremlin's world-wide policy of expansion, and both the quality and the quantity of Soviet arms rolling from the assembly lines are now a matter of the highest priority. Ustinov, who expertly straddles the military-civilian fence, may be expected to bring the voracious appetites of the armed forces and the economy at large into some sort of harmony.

Thirdly, there will be an even greater effort to keep the army generals and marshalls from forming a military counterweight to the party leadership of the Soviet state.

The armed forces have traditionally been divided into competing "interest groups," which the country's political leaders have always done their best to set against each other — with the aid of military counter-intelligence — thus insuring themselves against any possibility of a military takeover. This will now be a major task for the new Minister of Defence.

As a civilian, unencumbered by previous military loyalties, Ustinov should be in an ideal position to conduct a policy of divide-and-rule with respect to the armed forces. The excellent relations he has long maintained with both the KGB and military counter-intelligence would help him greatly, and so, needless to say, would the shifts in the high command which he is to start introducing shortly.

All this, however, has nothing whatever to do with any cutting down — as some alleged experts in the West have suggested — of the power and influence of the Soviet "military lobby," with a view to assuring the continuation of detente. The existence of such a lobby is a figment of Kremlinological imagination. No such institution has ever determined Soviet foreign policy. Ustinov is no greater, and no lesser, an enthusiast of "peaceful coexistence" — the Soviet term for detente — than his predecessor, and if there is one area to which his appointment is entirely irrelevant, it is foreign policy.

WHAT NEXT for Ustinov? This may seem to call for a crystal ball, but past experience may serve as a fairly reliable guide. Ustinov appears to be following in the footsteps of Bulganin, the last civilian Defence Minister before him. Like him, he has already been granted high military rank. And, again like Bulganin, he may in the not too distant future — once he has carried out successfully the programme for the renovation and reconstruction of the armed forces — find himself elevated to the post of prime minister (or chairman of the council of ministers, in Soviet parlance), replacing the superannuated Alexei Kosygin. Or he may even succeed ailing party secretary general Leonid Brezhnev himself.

One way or another, Dimitri Ustinov is the man to watch in the Kremlin.

VIEWPOINT / MEIR KAHANE

WHO IS RATIONAL?

THE LEADING article in this paper on 26 Nissan (April 26) may be one of the most important position statements in many a year. For it comes to grips — albeit on the wrong side of the issue — with the central and only relevant point of the question of the liberated lands. For while Abba Eban and Menahem Begin debate the questions of giving up land, settling in Judea and Samaria, and the Arab and "Palestine" problem from a joint position of "rationality," the real debate is that between the "rational" and the "irrational." Hence, *The Jerusalem Post* leader, which strongly attacked Gush Emunim for its insistence that Jewish sovereignty in Judea and Samaria is "simply a matter of Divine right," takes a giant step forward towards crystallizing the real issue: Will Israel adopt a "rational" foreign policy or will it follow an "irrational" one of faith and trust in the All Mighty and in the Jewish destiny?

Obviously, the *Post* comes down squarely in the camp of the "rational," the "practical," and the "logical." Thus, the leader condemns the view that "the will of the All Mighty overrides any Knesset-made law" and deplores the fact that Gush Emunim have "taken advantage of Israel freedoms to turn their backs on any rational argument" and that "they seem to be making some headway in the effort to force their brand of irrationality on the Government."

I put it that those who consider Israel's position honestly and without illusion and then speak of her survival in "logical" terms of power politics, allies, arms shipments and diplomacy are the most illogical, mystical, and irrational Jews existing today. I put it that those who view the situation and truly believe that solely through diplomatic, political, and military channels Israel will overcome, have greater mystical faith in power politics than any "irrational" believer in the All Mighty. They are at best ludicrous in their wishful thinking, but at worst they are endangering the lives of three million Jews.

Let us *honestly* consider the situation: The Arab states are determined to wipe out a Jewish State of any size or shape; in quantity and quality with enormous sums of dollars added to their coffers annually with which they purchase arms from East and West, as well as allies in the Third World and Europe. The Soviet Union stands to intervene in any war in which Israel is winning "too much," while the U.S. is weary of any intervention after Vietnam and is especially tired of the Israeli nuisance that threatens its oil and the huge business market of the Arab states and may also involve it in a confrontation with Moscow. American pressure on Israel is brutal and will become worse because the Rogers Plan and nothing else is and remains Washington's policy. The Arabs both in the liberated areas and within Israel are a fearful danger to the security of the state as they grow bolder in their violent opposition. After the U.S. elections efforts will be made to force Israel to make sweeping retreats, and the UN may well bar her from the General Assembly. American Jews, nervous over anti-Semitism, will frantically pressure Israel to be more "flexible." The morale of the Israeli, weakened by constant war, reserve duty, heavy taxes, declining aliya and rising *yerida*, and aware that another war will bring heavy casualties and civilian destruction, will reach the breaking point.

LET US NOW, indeed, launch yet another tirade against those who speak of the Jewish destiny and survival in religious, Messianic and "irrational" terms. For we are the "rational" ones — we who count on Washington, who look to moderate Arabs such as Sadat, who count on moderate "Palestinians" in Judea and Samaria, who pretend that Security Council Resolution 242 does *not* mean what everyone else says it does, i.e., retreat from all the liberated lands, who think that someone in the Arab camp is prepared to settle for anything less than all these lands, who counts on American support if Israel's survival should be threatened.... A few more such "rational" Jews, and we are done for.

Of course, there have always been such "rational" and coolheadedly practical Jews of the Eban-Allon-*Jerusalem Post* kind. We find their traces throughout the Prophets. Suffice it to quote Isaiah 31:1: "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help and stay on horses and trust in chariots because they are many but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel"

The Jew has always been "irrational." That is why he survived. If the forefathers of the leader-writer had been "rational" they would have relinquished their insane belief in a Messiah, in an eventual return to Zion, in the indestructability of the Chosen People — and given up the struggle.

Gush Emunim's demand to settle in Judea and Samaria and every part of the Land of Israel is not merely a political belief or a military-strategic concept. It stems from the knowledge that there is a biblical prohibition against giving up any part of the Land to a gentile. It reflects the awareness that Jewish redemption is not dependent. It is based on the consciousness that "what will be" depends on Jewish observance of G-d's law and in deep and abiding faith in Him on the conviction that the State of Israel is the *beginning* of the redemption and that standing with faith against the violation of Tora will bring about the *final* redemption swiftly and without the terrible and needless sacrifices that the way of the "rational" will bring upon us.

The foolish politicians, the hapless diplomats, and the impotent generals. The writers of "rational" editorials. All logical and practical and pragmatic. But not from them will come the redemption. The "rational" raise their eyes unto Washington and mumble: From Kissinger shall come forth my salvation. The "irrational" stand with faith and trust in the All Mighty and do what He demands. Only in that way will the armed might of the Jewish army of Israel be effective.

The time has truly come for Israel to end its irrational and mystic madness. The time has indeed come for cool rationality and logic. The time has come to settle the Land of Israel, to turn to G-d and proclaim: We have returned. To You and to the Land. That is the rational way, the Jewish way.

Dry Bones

READERS' LETTERS

The art furore in Haifa

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In his article, "Haifa art furore" (April 14), Ya'acov Ardon adopted a biased view on the subject of the Municipal Art Adviser and the sports palace; he omitted facts brought out by the High Court judgment and the main reason it rejected the petition of the Artists' Association for an order nisi — namely that postponement of an appeal until the conclusion of a tender abrogates the right of appeal.

Moreover, the judgment stressed that, in his letter, a copy of which was sent to the Chairman of the Haifa Branch of the Artists' Association, the then Vice-Mayor of Haifa, Mr. Zeisel, clearly stated that a Haifa municipal employee was expected to participate (obviously Mr. Gershon Knispel), thus voiding the artists' claim that they did not know that Gershon Knispel would participate in the tender and that this constituted foul play and an additional reason to grant an order nisis.

It is therefore difficult to understand why Mr. Ardon claims that the artists were misled into believing that the Municipal Art Adviser would not participate in the tender.

With regard to the letter of former city engineer Cohen, it referred only to the fact that Mr. Knispel would not produce works of art against payment in the Haifa area except in his capacity of art adviser. Moreover, it was agreed that, following his acceptance of a full-time municipal job, Mr. Knispel would only undertake monumental works of art with the written authorization of the Mayor and the Municipality. This authorization was granted in the case under discussion and Mr. Knispel is observing the agreement not to produce works of art against payment in the Haifa Area.

In 1972, the Municipality decided to carry out five pilot projects to embellish the facade of residential housing. In the framework of his municipal job, Mr. Knispel planned and supervised the execution of these projects, while the tenants and contractors undertook to cover the expense of the materials only. This project designed to increase public awareness of the value of art in housing was most successful. It resulted in a chain reaction and the works of art adorn more and more buildings in Haifa with the help of many artists. The complaint of one tenant on the subject was investigated and found to be unjustified.

The fact that the Municipality issued a tender for a work of art (when it is not obliged to do so in this field) proves that it tried to get serious proposals for this maj work.

YA'ACOV BAZAK, Spokesma Haifa Municipali

Haifa.

YA'ACOV ARDON COMMENTS:

The city engineer's letter November 24, 1974, states unc ditionally that Gershon Knispel, h ing been engaged as a full-ti employee of the Municipality as November 1, would not underta monumental art works for city h or others in Haifa. Full stop. It m tioned nothing about unremunerat commissions invalidating this exc sion. After all, that is what Knis was understood to have sacrificed return for a full-time, full-pay po By what stretch of the imaginatio an artist who reads the press adv tisement on the open competition know that, of all city employees, t art adviser himself is in the runnin

The High Court rejected the A tists' Association's petition for order nisi because of bad timing, because of lack of substance. T city hall spokesman is silent whether the art adviser will also the future be admitted to compe for tenders he prepares, on the p that he does not get paid for them would be fair to the country's arti if the answer were made public.

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Sir, — A number of tenants in building praised Ya'acov Ardon his article, "Haifa art furore" (A 14), in which he raised the subject conflict of interest and the poor ample set by the Haifa administ tion.

In our case, we were forced to p a substantial sum for three pieces "art" we did not order and did want. Had we not paid up there then, the builder threatened withold the keys of our apartmen When I asked for an explanation was told that the purchase of th works of art helped to "smoo relations with the city.

To make matters worse, the called art work in our building w placed underneath three large ment pipes.

DR. Y.ROSENBER

Haifa

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Sir, — In his article, "Haifa furore" (April 14), Ya'acov Ard carefully avoids any comme relating to the *quality* of the winni bid.

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